RESOLUTION 12-27

SUBJECT: Authorize Cold War Service Medal

WHEREAS, The Fiscal Year 2002 Defense Authorization Act encouraged the Secretary of Defense to consider authorizing the Cold War Service Medal, for the period 2 September 1945 through 26 December 1991; and

WHEREAS, The veterans of the Cold War faithfully served our country during a campaign of Soviet Block aggression, Eastern Europe occupation, and the constant threat of nuclear attack; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of Defense has not yet authorized the issue or wearing of the Cold War Service Medal on the military uniform or issue to Cold War veterans, in part due to costs: now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That AMVETS supports S. 402, the Cold War Service Medal Act of 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, Should issuance of the Cold War Service Medal be considered cost prohibitive by the Secretary of Defense, that AMVETS urge the Secretary of Defense to authorize the Cold War Service Medal for wear by qualified veterans at no cost to the Federal government and that service records be updated as required; and be it further

RESOLVED, That AMVETS urge Congress to adopt the Cold War Service Medal designed by Nadine Russell, the Chief of Creative Heraldry at the Army Institute of Heraldry, a medal already used by the National Guards of the States of Louisiana and Alaska.