SOURCE:

WHEREAS, AMVETS is a congressionally-chartered veterans organization interested in pursuing every avenue available to protect and promote American veterans; and

WHEREAS, American veterans comprise approximately 7% of the population of the United States, making veterans one of the smallest minorities in the nation; and

WHEREAS, many American veterans are behind their contemporaries in education, employment and housing solely due to their service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, many American veterans, as well as National Guard and Reserve members, are unemployed, in part due to preconceived prejudices surrounding the military; and

WHEREAS, there are currently numerous laws/programs on the books meant to assist veterans in their search for employment, education and housing, those laws/programs are not meeting the needs of American veterans; and

WHEREAS, many of the laws/programs currently in place are limited to assisting very specific groups of veterans, rather than all veterans – including National Guard/Reserve members who have been deployed – and there are sufficient legal options available to veterans who experience employment, education and/or housing discrimination; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the AMVETS pursue, through legislative and/or executive branch channels the inclusion of all American veterans as a protected class under Affirmative Active law.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

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FLOOR ACTION: ADOPTED p ADOPTED (as amended) p REJECTED p DEFERRED p