RESOLUTION 14-30

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR ARMY NATIONAL CEMETERIES

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

WHEREAS. The Department of the Army does not have full accountability for our heroes buried at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC), and

WHEREAS, the scandals and embarrassments that rocked Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) went largely unpunished for one reason; no one in the former chain of command was held accountable for their actions and their gross negligence and mismanagement. This was due to fact that none of those in the direct chain of command were commissioned military officers, and

WHEREAS, presently our fallen heroes families must wait upwards of six months or longer for interment of their loved one at ANC. Funeral Directors requesting interment of Veterans at ANC must wait several weeks for a response from the staff at ANC, and

WHEREAS, our heroes buried at this cemetery run by the Department of the Army deserve the honor of having their last leader and commanding officer held to military standards of excellence and accountability to ensure that the unconscionable mistakes and crimes that occurred in the past at Arlington are never repeated: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS support H.R. 2209 calling for the Secretary of the Army establish a chain of command for the Army National Military Cemeteries, Arlington National Cemetery and Gulf Port Mississippi Cemetery that include a military commander to replace the current civilian director upon the termination of the tenure of the director.