DRAFT RESOLUTION 17 – 10

SUBJECT: Need for, and Importance of, Improved VA Accountability

SOURCE: DC, FL, LA, NC, VA, OH, MA, TX, TN, MO, NJ, ND, WA

WHEREAS, in light of the ongoing VA healthcare and budget crises, it is more important than ever that we, as an Organization and concerned Americans, ensure that congress provides the strongest oversight of all VA operations; and

WHEREAS, it is absolutely essential that all stakeholders not only keep cool heads, think creatively and work collaboratively, but that they keep our veterans and their needs at the forefront of every discussion, consideration and decision; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that Congress, the VA and all Americans remember that the VA exists to serve the needs of veterans and not the other way around; and

WHEREAS, until each and every VA employee can be held accountable for their actions or lack thereof, the VA system will remain broken, unsatisfactory and unsafe; and

WHEREAS, the VA Secretary needs to have the power, when appropriate, to remove or demote VA employees based on performance or misconduct; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS ensures that Congress remains mindful that the health care obligations imposed by the sacrifices of our veterans continue to be met in a timely, professional and compassionate manner.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS..................ADOPT □ AMEND □ REJECT □ NONE □
FLOOR ACTION: ADOPTED □ ADOPTED (as amended) □ REJECTED □ TABLED □