

# RESOLUTION

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Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Petition Congress to recognize the Iran Hostage Crisis from Nov. 4, 1979 through Jan. 20, 1981 as wartime veterans.

**Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee**

**Whereas**, during the early part of 1979 the ideology of the Iranian Islamic revolutionary government had led to a steady deterioration in Iran-U.S. relations which culminated in an act of aggression on the United States described by then President Jimmy Carter as “victims of terrorism and anarchy”, and,

**Whereas**, on Nov. 4, 1979 in Tehran Iran the United States embassy was attacked and seized by Iranian students and terrorist factions and because The American consulate is a sovereign U.S. territory and an attack on the embassy is exactly the same as an attack on our mainland soil which constitutes an act of war, and

**Whereas**, of the approximately 90 people inside the embassy, including the United States Marine Corps Embassy Guard, 52 remained in captivity until the end of the crisis, and

**Whereas**, at the same time several diplomatic initiatives began to free the hostages, all of which proved fruitless, and

**Whereas**, this prompted the use of military force on April 24-25, 1980 during which the United States attempted a military rescue mission that failed after three of eight helicopters were damaged in a sandstorm and subsequent crash the operation was aborted and during the failed attempt eight US servicemen were killed, and

**Whereas**, the hostages taken at the US Embassy remained in captivity for 444 days, and

**Whereas**, as a direct result of this crisis the armed forces of the United States were placed in a state of combat readiness which is similar in nature to the combat state during other recent periods of conflict, and now therefor be it

**Resolved**, that the American Legion Department of New York, in convention assembled July 14, 15, and 16, 2016 in Binghamton, New York, urges the United States Congress and President to include the men and women of the United States armed services who served on active duty during the dates November 4, 1979 through January 20, 1981 inclusive be considered war time veterans and afford them all rights and privileges associated with being war time veterans and be it further resolved, that if adopted this resolution be forwarded to the National Convention of the American Legion to be August 26 through September 1, 2016 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE**

Approved   X   Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Approved with Amendments \_\_\_\_\_

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Referred to Standing Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

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(Chairman)

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