

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2610

Subject Beckstrom-Wolfe Scholarship

WHEREAS, U.S. Army Spc. Sarah Beckstrom and U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Andrew Wolfe, dedicated members of the West Virginia National Guard, demonstrated exceptional bravery and selflessness by volunteering for "Operation D.C. Safe and Beautiful" to protect the nation's capital; and

WHEREAS, while in the line of duty, these two courageous service members were brutally ambushed, resulting in the tragic death of Spc. Beckstrom and critical injuries to Staff Sgt. Wolfe; and

WHEREAS, Spc. Beckstrom and Staff Sgt. Wolfe embody the highest values of the National Guard and made significant sacrifices in service to their state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Members of the National Guard make significant sacrifices in service to their community and nation; and

WHEREAS, The families of these National Guardsmen often suffer immeasurable loss and hardship; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the American Legion to honor the profound sacrifice and enduring bravery of these National Guardsmen and to provide tangible support to their immediate families; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is committed to the welfare of veterans, their families, and the community, as stated in its Preamble; and

WHEREAS, The Four Pillars of the American Legion are the guiding principle of our institution; and

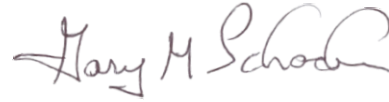
WHEREAS, The Third Pillar: Americanism is the cultivating of patriotism, civic responsibility, and strong character through youth programs and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, The Fourth Pillar: Children & Youth focuses on the well-being of America's youth through programs that support family integrity, prevent substance abuse, and fund child welfare initiatives, therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, by the American Legion Department of New York in convention assembled July 16th-18th, 2026 in Syracuse, New York to implore the National American Legion to provide financial assistance in the form of a scholarship for post-secondary education to the siblings and or children of National Guardsman Army Spc. Sarah Beckstrom and Air Force Staff Sgt. Andrew Wolfe, the two West Virginia National Guard members who were ambushed in Washington D.C., and be it finally

RESOLVED, that, if adopted, this Resolution be forwarded to the National Organization for action to create the Beckstrom-Wolfe Scholarship Fund.

American Legion Department of New York FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE Approved _____ Rejected _____ Approved with Amendments _____ Consolidated with _____ Referred to Standing Committee on Education and Scholarship <u>Received and Recorded: July 15th, 2026</u> <u>Other Action:</u> <u>Signature: Frank J. Peters</u> (Chairman)



Adjutant Signature

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Frank J. Peters, Chairman

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