

Senate Resolution 23

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending National Commander of the American Legion Jimmie L.
2 Foster; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, National Commander Jimmie L. Foster of Anchorage, Alaska, was elected
4 National Commander of the 2.5 million-member American Legion on September 2, 2010,
5 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during the 92nd national convention of the nation's largest
6 veteran's organization; and

7 WHEREAS, National Commander Foster was born and raised in Oklahoma and graduated
8 from Northeastern A&M College with a degree in agriculture education; and

9 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
10 States Marine Corps from 1973 to 1976 and re-enlisted in the United States Army, ultimately
11 retiring with 20 years of military service on August 1, 1994, as the Chief Legal
12 Noncommissioned Officer at Fort Huachuca, Arizona; and

13 WHEREAS, National Commander Foster's 29 years of experience in the American Legion
14 includes offices and appointments at all levels and he has served on many state-level
15 committees including Americanism, the Citizens Flag Alliance, Economics, Veterans
16 Employment, Internal Affairs, Legislative, Membership and Post Activities, Military Affairs,
17 National Security, and Naval Affairs; and

18 WHEREAS, he served American Legion Spenard Post 28 as Adjutant for many years, as
19 well as other offices, ultimately serving as Post Commander from 1989 to 1990; and

20 WHEREAS, a leader in his home state of Alaska, National Commander Foster served as
21 State Commander of the Department of Alaska and during his term as Membership
22 Chairman, the Department of Alaska finished number one in the nation for membership; and

23 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental on the organization's Board
24 of Directors as National Executive Committeeman for the Department of Alaska, as
25 Chairman of the National Legislative Commission, and as a member of the National and
26 Homeland Security Council and the Economics, Internal Affairs, and Legislative
27 Commissions; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
29 this distinguished American be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend and congratulate National Commander Jimmie L. Foster on a life of public service.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to National Commander Jimmie L. Foster.