

House Resolution 55

By: Representatives Yates of the 73rd, Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 46th, O'Neal of the 146th, Cheokas of the 134th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending National Commander of the American Legion Jimmie L.
2 Foster and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other
3 purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend and congratulate National Commander Jimmie L. Foster
33 on a life of public service and invite him to be recognized by the House of Representatives
34 at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to National Commander
37 Jimmie L. Foster.