

May 19, 2018
THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT IN TRIPLICATE
and signed by the District President and District Secretary
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

DATE ___ May 19, 2018 _____

The ___ 3rd ___ District of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota submits the following Resolution for consideration at the ___ 2018 ___ Department Convention.

Resolution No. ___ 14 ___ Subject ___ Dr. Helen Hughes Hielscher Title _____
(Do not fill in Resolution No. or Subject)

RESOLUTION

(Please type if possible)

WHEREAS, Dr. Helen Hughes Hielscher devoted her life's effort in laying the foundation of the largest American patriotic women's organization, to promote the care of hospitalized veterans and to improving the lives of their dependents; and

WHEREAS, along with many other women during World War I, Dr. Hielscher involved herself in an extensive home front effort to aid the soldiers on the front-lines in Europe; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hielscher poured here energies into organizing the women into establishing services for the returning servicemen over and above medical necessities; and

WHEREAS, after organizing the Mankato Auxiliary unit in January 1920, Dr. Helen Hughes Hielscher then asked the Department of Minnesota Legion headquarters to set up a state Auxiliary and at the state convention she was advised to wait until the results of the second national convention during which the committee on the formation of a women's auxiliary was to meet; and

WHEREAS, on November 19th and 20th, 1920, Dr. Helen Hielscher was elected to serve as the first Department of Minnesota President; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hielscher was selected to chair the first National Meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary was guided by Dr. Hielscher in its organizational meeting; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Helen Hughes Hielscher, a leader in early rehabilitation work, sounded a call that was the beginning of the Legion's and Auxiliary's long campaign to obtain the best of care for the disabled veterans and this effort eventually resulted in the establishment of the Veterans Administration and the development of a system of modern Veterans Administration medical centers; and

WHEREAS, since the first National Meeting, Dr. Hielscher, has been represented by her National Flags; and

WHEREAS, a precedent has been set with bestowing the title of Honorary Past National

President once before; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Dr. Helen Hughes Hielscher shall be, from this time forward, recognized and honored as an Honorary Past National President of the American Legion Auxiliary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if this resolution is passed at the Third District Convention, it be referred to the Department of Minnesota Convention in Rochester, MN on July 19th-21st, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if passed at the Department Convention, the resolution be referred to the National Convention in Minneapolis, MN on August 25th-29th, 2018 in honor of her chairing the first National Convention also in Minneapolis, MN in 1921 and honoring the American Legion's 100th Anniversary in 2018; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the title of Past National President be given to Dr. Helen Hughes Hielscher effective at the close of the national convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 2018.

Signed Kat Benjamin
District President

Karla Otterness
District Secretary

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Routing

1. _____ Committee _____ Rejected _____ Approved _____ Amended
2. _____ Committee _____ Rejected _____ Approved _____ Amended

Amendment

Convention Action

Date: _____

Signature _____
Department Chairman