

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

DATE June 9, 2018

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

Resolution No. 17 Subject _____
(Do not fill in Resolution No. or Subject)

RESOLUTION

(Please type if possible)

WHEREAS, a vigorous worker for the disabled veteran and their families, 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 improving the lives of their dependents; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Helen Hughes Hielscher organized the Mankato Auxiliary unit in January 1920, 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, Dr. Helen Hielscher on November 19 and 20, 1920, 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, Dr. Hielscher guided the American Legion Auxiliary 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, Dr. Hielscher, has been represented by her National Flags since the first National Meeting; and

WHEREAS, 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 this resolution is passed at the Mankato unit that it be referred to the Second District convention in Madelia, MN on June 9, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That if this resolution is passed at the Second District Convention it be referred to the Department of Minnesota Convention in Rochester, MN on July 19 – 21, 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 25 – 29, 2018; and be it finally

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

Marcia Hanson, Unit #11 President

Sharon Sandland, Unit #11 Secretary

Kristen Donnelly, District 2 President

Judy Ackerman, District 2 Secretary

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1. _____ Committee _____ Rejected _____ Approved _____ Amended
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Amendment

Convention Action

Date: _____

Signature _____

Department Chairman