



## 2008 \_\_\_\_ District Democratic Platform

### I. SPECIAL RESOLUTION

#### **A. KEEPING THE PROMISE TO AMERICA'S MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**Whereas: The Iowa Democratic Party recognizes the distinguished services and sacrifice of individuals who serve in our nation's military; and**

**Whereas: The IDP recognizes the far-reaching and long-term impacts of active duty service on the veterans, their families and their communities; and**

**Whereas: the IDP believes that public policy at levels of government must renew our long-standing commitment to veterans and their families; and**

**In recognition of the nation's debt to finance the veterans' earned benefits in honor those who have served ;**

#### **The IDP supports:**

- Mandatory federal funding for Veterans' health care for all Veterans
- Rescinding means testing, co-pay or any or all other devices utilized to exclude or limit veterans' health care benefits
- Granting the Reserve and the National Guard veterans who are called to active duty the same educational benefits received by the Regular Armed Services
- Increasing the state education assistance to Veterans
- Increasing the emphasis on the provision of and delivery of medical special needs for all Veterans which includes mental disorders, medical and mental health services specific to Women Veterans, traumatic brain injury, and services to those who have suffered orthopedic injuries and amputation
- Raising the level of benefits received by Iowa Veterans from 44<sup>th</sup> in the nation to 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation by 2010
- Increasing support for County Veterans' Service Officers
- Creating a long range state Veterans' Service Plan which defines goals by county, region and by Veterans' Groups where all veterans are treated equally and reject any discriminatory treatment of Veterans

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