

RESOLUTION 10-21

**SOURCE: AMVETS Department of Ohio
Veterans Employment Committee**

SUBJECT: Revision of Title 38 United States Code (5) the Term “Eligible Person”

WHEREAS, the Jobs for Veterans Act of 2003 revised portions of Title 38 United States Code (USC); and

WHEREAS, the definition of “Eligible Person” includes the spouse of any person who died of service-connected disability; or spouse of a member of the Armed Forces who has been listed for ninety days or more as missing in action, captured in the line of duty by hostile force, forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power; spouse of any person who has a total disability in nature resulting from a service-connected disability or the spouse of a veteran who died while a disability so evaluated was in existence; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of an eligible person can be paramount in their situation and/or family; and

WHEREAS, the prior definition for an eligible person included the spouse of an Armed Forces member who died on active duty or Killed-in-Action; and

WHEREAS, our Armed Forces have suffered more than 4,500 deaths with the War on Terrorism with many more to come; Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, AMVETS petition Congress to revise the Title 38 USC, Item (5) the term “eligible person” means – to include “(D) the spouse of an Armed Forces member who died on active duty or is Killed-in-Action”.