

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
January 14–15, 1924**

**Resolution No. 8: Protest against the Contemplated Removal of Crosses that Mark the
Graves of Our Comrades, Both at Home and Abroad**

Origin: Maryland

Submitted by: National Executive Committee

WHEREAS, The War Department has recently decided to remove the wooden crosses that mark the graves of our comrades, who made the supreme sacrifice oversea and substitute therefor, a low rectangular headstone; and

WHEREAS, These crosses represent the symbol of America's sacrifice in the World War, and have been the inspiration of our great War poems and where first improvised and erected by our comrades in the field and are fixed in the minds of the Gold Star fathers and mothers and the nation as an impressive emblem of sacrifice for country and humanity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on January 14-15, 1924, That we protest against this contemplated removal of these crosses, both at home and abroad, and the substitution therefor of anything else except for those comrades of the Jewish faith who may desire another symbol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we request the secretary of war to take such action as necessary to stop this contemplated change; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we recommend that the present crosses be maintained until some appropriate durable cross, giving the same general effect as the wooden crosses can be erected; and be it finally,

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the president, to the secretary of war, the American Battle Monuments Commission of the proper congressional committees.