

**Resolution of Endorsement
For Candidacy of 3rd District Commander – Department of Tennessee
Submitted by American Legion Post 190, Dunlap, Tennessee**

ATTN: Department Commander Todd McKinley, Department Senior Vice Commander Tonya Launsby, East Tennessee Vice Commander Dwight Woodcock, Department Adjutant Dean Tuttle

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and full confidence that James Patterson, Commander of Post 190, Dunlap, Tennessee, endorses **William H. Barker Jr** for the office of **3rd District Commander**, Department of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, William H. Barker Jr. has demonstrated outstanding leadership as a two-time **Post Commander of Post 190 encompassing six years**; and numerous tours in other positions within the post; and

WHEREAS, he has honorably served in the **Tennessee Army National Guard**, retiring after 28 years of dedicated and faithful service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, during his service he was deployed to, and served with distinction in, **Operation Desert Shield/Storm** and **Operation Iraq Freedom**, with additional state side active duty service during **Operation Enduring Freedom** and **Hurricane Gustav**, as well as humanitarian missions to **Costa Rica** and **Dominica**; and

WHEREAS, he served his community, state, and nation as a **law enforcement officer** at the city, county, state and federal levels for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, he is active in numerous veteran-focused organizations and initiatives including as a Charter and current member of the **Sequatchie County Veterans Memorial Park Board of Directors**, **Past Commander of VFW Post 5772**, member of the **Sequatchie Area Veterans Coalition**, **Chattanooga Area Veterans Council**, and other community organizations and events honoring veterans and first responders; and


WHEREAS, Comrade Barker, as Post Commander, was instrumental in the forming of **American Legion / VFW Combined Color Guard** and **Legion Riders** at **Post 190**; and

WHEREAS, he has actively pursued professional development within The American Legion, having graduated from the **American Legion Basic Training** in June of 2022, the **American Legion College** on **October 2, 2022**, and **Introduction to Basic Training** in 2021.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Harvey Merriman Post 190 of The American Legion, Department of Tennessee, proudly and enthusiastically endorses **William H. Barker Jr** for the office of **3rd District Commander**.

ATTEST:


James Patterson, Post 190 Commander


David Carter, 1st Vice Commander

J. L. DAVID

Jarrell David, Adjutant