EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 85-32

WHEREAS, there are approximately 350,000 veterans residing in South Carolina; and
WHEREAS, there are numerous former prisoners of war in this group of distinguished veterans; and
WHEREAS, South Carolina is aware of the extreme hardship, and severe deprivation which these former prisoners of war experienced during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, and the particular problems which many of them now face.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the State of South Carolina, I hereby create a task force to advise and inform the South Carolina Department of Veterans' Affairs of the unique problems faced by former prisoners of war and make suggestions for the improvement of the delivery of benefits including disability claims under Public Law 97-37, the Former Prisoner of War Benefit Act of 1981.
This Task Force will consist of two former prisoners of war from each Congressional District of South Carolina appointed by the Governor and a chairman to be appointed from the State at large by the Governor. The terms of office of the members of the Task Force will be conterminous with the Governor. The South Carolina Department of Veterans' Affairs will provide any staff support needed by the Task Force.


RICHARD W. RILEY
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State