

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 886 Session of 2010

INTRODUCED BY PALLONE, BELFANTI, BEYER, BISHOP, BOBACK, BOYD, BRADFORD, BRENNAN, BRIGGS, BROOKS, CASORIO, CAUSER, CLYMER, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, CUTLER, DALEY, DENLINGER, DeWEESE, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, ELLIS, EVERETT, FLECK, FREEMAN, GABLER, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, HAHN, HARHAI, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, HESS, HORNAMAN, HOUGHTON, KAUFFMAN, M. KELLER, KIRKLAND, KNOWLES, KORTZ, KRIEGER, KULA, LENTZ, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSHALL, McCALL, McGEEHAN, M. SMITH, MELIO, MICOZZIE, MILLER, MOUL, MUNDY, OBERLANDER, O'NEILL, PICKETT, QUINN, READSHAW, ROCK, ROEBUCK, ROSS, SANTARSIERO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SEIP, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, STABACK, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TALLMAN, R. TAYLOR, TRUE, YOUNGBLOOD AND YUDICHAK, AUGUST 16, 2010

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, AUGUST 16, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 26, 2010, as "Gold Star Mother's Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Throughout this nation's history, the men and women
4 of the United States Armed Forces have put the nation's security
5 before their own, doing their duty in the face of grave danger;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, During World War I, Service Flags were displayed
8 from homes, businesses, schools and churches to indicate, by the
9 use of a blue star, each active service member in the United
10 States military; and

11 WHEREAS, A gold star stitched over a blue star showed the
12 nation those who had given their lives for their country and the

devotion and pride of those left behind; and

WHEREAS, In 1928, the Gold Star tradition was formalized in Washington, DC by a group of mothers who had lost sons and daughters in service to their country and met to form the American Gold Star Mothers organization, a nondenominational, nonprofit and nonpolitical organization; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Gold Star Mothers are remarkable patriots who serve their communities by demonstrating good citizenship, providing support and services to troops and veterans and comforting the families whose loved ones have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Though they carry a great burden of grief, the courageous Gold Star Mothers help ensure that the legacy of this nation's fallen heroes will be forever remembered; and

WHEREAS, The sons and daughters of Pennsylvania's Gold Star Mothers have served this nation during World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Conflict, the war in the Balkans, the peacetime attack on the USS Cole by terrorists and the conflicts in the Middle East, including Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, This nation remembers these young men and women with pride and deepest appreciation; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the courage of Gold Star Mothers the General Assembly, by Senate Joint Resolution 115 of June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1895), designated the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Mother's Day," which resolved authorizing and requesting that the President of the United States issue a proclamation in observance of this day; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize

1 September 26, 2010, as "Gold Star Mother's Day" in Pennsylvania
2 and honor Pennsylvania's Gold Star Mothers for their great
3 courage and strength.