

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 878 Session of
2018

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APRIL 26, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 26, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2018 as "Blue Star Mothers of
2 America Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., was founded
4 as a patriotic service organization on February 1, 1942, to
5 unite mothers who had sons or daughters in the United States
6 Armed Forces; and

7 WHEREAS, The nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nondiscriminatory and
8 nonprofit organization was chartered by the Congress of the
9 United States in 1960; and

10 WHEREAS, Mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers
11 and female legal guardians who have sons or daughters who are
12 currently serving in the United States military or who are
13 honorably discharged veterans are eligible for membership in the
14 organization; and

1 WHEREAS, Family members and friends may become associate
2 members, and fathers of military personnel or veterans may join
3 the Blue Star Dads' Association; and

4 WHEREAS, The work of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.,
5 includes providing support for active duty service personnel and
6 families, promoting patriotism and assisting various veterans
7 organizations, including the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The work of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.,
10 is increasingly important because of:

11 (1) the hundreds of thousands of United States Armed
12 Forces men and women who have served or are serving in
13 Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and the
14 Global War on Terrorism; and

15 (2) the ongoing deployments of the Pennsylvania National
16 Guard and our active duty military and its reserve
17 components;

18 and

19 WHEREAS, The dedication, sacrifice and hard work of the
20 devoted members of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., merit
21 recognition; and

22 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Service Flag is an official banner
23 authorized by the Department of Defense to be displayed by
24 families who have members serving in the United States Armed
25 Forces during a period of war or hostility in the nation; and

26 WHEREAS, In 1917, the Blue Star Service Flag was designed and
27 patented by World War I Army Captain Robert L. Queisser of the
28 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on the front lines;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Service Flag quickly became an

1 unofficial symbol used to represent a child in service;

2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
4 month of May 2018 as "Blue Star Mothers of America Month" in
5 Pennsylvania; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
7 residents of this Commonwealth to take some time during the
8 month of May 2018 to honor and recognize the dedication and
9 sacrifice of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
12 celebrate the history and contributions of Blue Star Mothers of
13 America, Inc.; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
15 Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.