
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY KILLION, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE,
BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE, COSTA, DINNIMAN, FARNESE,
FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HAYWOOD, HUGHES, MARTIN,
McGARRIGLE, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA,
SCARNATI, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, VOGEL, VULAKOVICH, WARD, WHITE,
YAW AND YUDICHAK, APRIL 26, 2017

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 26, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2017 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

15 WHEREAS, Family members and friends may become associate
16 members, and fathers of military personnel or veterans may join

1 the Blue Star Dads' Association; and

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

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

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

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

16 and

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

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

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

28 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Service Flag quickly became an
29 unofficial symbol used to represent a child in service;
30 therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2017 as
2 "Blue Star Mothers of America Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage all residents of this
5 Commonwealth to take some time during the month of May 2017 to
6 honor and recognize the dedication and sacrifice of the Blue
7 Star Mothers of America, Inc.; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize and celebrate the history
9 and contributions of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.; and be
10 it further

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