

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 179 Session of
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 29, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 25, 2005, as "American Gold Star Mothers'
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated, a
4 nondenominational, nonprofit and nonpolitical organization, was
5 incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia on
6 January 5, 1929; and

7 WHEREAS, The original incorporators of the organization were
8 women who lost a son or daughter in World War I; and

9 WHEREAS, Eligibility for membership in the organization has

1 been subsequently expanded to include women who lost a son or
2 daughter in World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam
3 Conflict, the Persian Gulf War, Somalia, Bosnia, Saudi Arabia,
4 any strategic areas or while in service to our country; and

5 WHEREAS, The organization derives its name from the practice
6 of displaying a gold star, instead of traditional mourning
7 attire, during World War I by a mother whose son or daughter had
8 made the ultimate sacrifice for this country; and

9 WHEREAS, On June 12, 1984, the organization was granted a
10 Federal charter. The act that provided for the granting of the
11 charter, Public Law 98-314, declared the following to be the
12 objects and purposes of the American Gold Star Mothers,
13 Incorporated:

14 (1) To keep alive and develop the spirit that promoted
15 world services.

16 (2) To maintain the ties of fellowship born of that
17 service and to assist and further all patriotic work.

18 (3) To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the
19 community, State and Nation.

20 (4) To assist veterans of World War I, World War II, the
21 Korean Conflict, Vietnam Conflict and other strategic areas
22 and their dependents in the presentation of claims to the
23 Department of Veterans' Affairs and to aid in any way in
24 their power the men and women who served and died or were
25 wounded or incapacitated during hostilities.

26 (5) To perpetuate the memory of those whose lives were
27 sacrificed in our wars.

28 (6) To maintain true allegiance to the United States.

29 (7) To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of
30 country in the communities in which we live.

1 (8) To inspire respect for the Stars and Stripes in the
2 youth of America.

3 (9) To extend needful assistance to all Gold Star
4 Mothers and, when possible, to their descendants.

5 (10) To promote peace and goodwill for the United States
6 and all other nations;

7 and

8 WHEREAS, Members of the organization contribute countless
9 hours of their time to provide volunteer services in hospitals
10 for veterans and to assist veterans and their families in the
11 community; and

12 WHEREAS, Under Federal law, the last Sunday in September has
13 been designated as "Gold Star Mothers' Day"; and

14 WHEREAS, The sacrifices and contributions of the members of
15 this exemplary organization merit further recognition; therefore
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
18 September 25, 2005, as "American Gold Star Mothers' Day" in
19 Pennsylvania.