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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 28, 2008, as "Gold Star Mother's Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Americans pay tribute to those individuals who have  
4 helped to secure enduring blessings of peace and freedom; and

5 WHEREAS, Memorial Day and Veterans Day are designated to  
6 honor the sacrifice of Americans who have served in the United  
7 States Armed Forces and to celebrate those who have served and  
8 the values of duty, honor and civic responsibility Americans  
9 hold as a nation; and

10 WHEREAS, Gold Star Mother's Day is intended to honor women  
11 who deserve special recognition and gratitude for their  
12 tremendous personal loss on behalf of our country; and

13 WHEREAS, During the early days of World War I, a Blue Star  
14 was used to represent each soldier in the military service of  
15 the United States; and

1       WHEREAS, As the war progressed and soldiers were killed or  
2       wounded in combat or died from wounds or disease, a Gold Star  
3       superimposed over the Blue Star designated the loss of these  
4       individuals; and

5       WHEREAS, This tradition recognized soldiers for their  
6       ultimate sacrifice to our country; and

7       WHEREAS, The Gold Star offered families an outward symbol by  
8       which to honor the loss of a loved one; and

9       WHEREAS, In 1928, the Gold Star tradition was formalized in  
10      Washington, D.C., by a group of mothers who had lost sons and  
11      daughters in service to their country and met to form the  
12      American Gold Star Mothers organization -- a nondenominational,  
13      nonprofit and nonpolitical organization; and

14      WHEREAS, In 1936, President Franklin Roosevelt recognized  
15      Gold Star Mothers for their strength and inspiration to this  
16      country; and

17      WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Gold Star Mothers, whose sons and  
18      daughters have died in defense of the ideals of individual  
19      liberty shall be honored and offered respect and gratitude; and

20      WHEREAS, The sons and daughters of Pennsylvania's Gold Star  
21      Mothers have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country during  
22      World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and in places such  
23      as Afghanistan and Iraq; and

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

26      WHEREAS, In recognition of the courage of Gold Star Mothers,  
27      Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 115 of June 23, 1936 (49  
28      Stat. 1895), designated the last Sunday in September as "Gold  
29      Star Mother's Day," which resolved authorizing and requesting  
30      that the President issue a proclamation in observance of this

1 day; therefore be it

2       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 28, 2008, as  
3 "Gold Star Mother's Day" in Pennsylvania and honor  
4 Pennsylvania's Gold Star Mothers for their great courage and  
5 strength.