

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 605 Session of 2010

INTRODUCED BY KESSLER, BEAR, BELFANTI, BEYER, BISHOP, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, COHEN, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GOODMAN, GRELL, GROVE, GRUCELA, HANNA, HARHAI, HARHART, HARKINS, HARPER, HENNESSEY, HORNAMAN, HOUGHTON, W. KELLER, KORTZ, KOTIK, LENTZ, MAHER, MAJOR, MARKOSEK, MARSHALL, MATZIE, McCALL, McGEEHAN, MELIO, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, PICKETT, QUIGLEY, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SEIP, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, SWANGER, TALLMAN, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK, DENLINGER, HESS, GEIST, MOUL, PHILLIPS, MANN, BOYD, MILLER, SANTONI AND MICOZZIE, JANUARY 26, 2010

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 26, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to pass House Resolution 4197, the Gold
2 Star Mothers National Monument Act of 2009.

3 WHEREAS, Gold Star Mothers is a term that arose during World
4 War I to honor and recognize those mothers whose sons or
5 daughters died from injury or illness while serving in the armed
6 forces of the United States during World War I; World War II;
7 the Korean Conflict; the Vietnam War; the war in the Balkans;
8 the peacetime attack on the U.S.S. Cole by terrorists; and the
9 conflicts in the Middle East, including Operation Desert Storm,
10 Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

11 WHEREAS, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., is the official
12 national service organization of Gold Star Mothers that was

1 begun in 1928 and continues because of the bond of mutual love,
2 sympathy and support of the many loyal, capable and patriotic
3 mothers who, while sharing their grief and their pride, have
4 channeled their time, efforts and gifts to lessening the pain of
5 others by honoring our deceased servicemen and servicewomen,
6 assisting our veterans, supporting our nation and helping each
7 other to heal; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1936, President Franklin Roosevelt recognized
9 Gold Star Mothers for their strength and inspiration to this
10 country; and

11 WHEREAS, A Gold Star Mother from Pennsylvania, Mollie Snyder,
12 was selected as a model for a relief that is part of the
13 monument honoring Gold Star Mothers from all armed services in
14 all wars in which the United States has engaged since World War
15 I; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Snyder, of Berks County, was the mother of Pfc.
17 Walter H. Snyder, Jr., who served in the Korean Conflict and
18 died from wounds suffered during action; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Snyder served as president of the Berks County
20 Chapter of Gold Star Mothers from the late 1950s until May 2008
21 and, upon her retirement, was made Honorary President of the
22 chapter at that time; and

23 WHEREAS, Sculptor Andrew L. Chernak, a Pennsylvanian, chose
24 Walter and her as models for a bronze relief to be mounted along
25 the pathway to the centerpiece statue at the proposed Gold Star
26 Mothers Monument in Washington, D.C.; and

27 WHEREAS, The artist, who met Mrs. Snyder in 2004 at a Gold
28 Star Mothers function, selected her for her dignity and inner
29 strength; and

30 WHEREAS, The monument is expected to be completed in 2011;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Congress is presently considering House Resolution
3 4197, the Gold Star Mothers National Monument Act of 2009;
4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize
6 Congress to pass House Resolution 4197, the Gold Star Mothers
7 National Monument Act of 2009; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
9 the Congressional Delegation from Pennsylvania.