

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 2013 as "Blue Star Mothers of America Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., was founded
4 as a patriotic service organization on February 2, 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, Persons eligible for membership in the organization
11 include mothers and stepmothers who have sons or daughters who
12 are currently serving in the United States military or who are
13 honorably discharged veterans; and

14 WHEREAS, Family members and friends may become associate
15 members, and fathers of military personnel or veterans may join
16 the Dad's Association; and

17 WHEREAS, The work of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.,

1 includes providing support for active duty service personnel and
2 their families, promoting patriotism and assisting various
3 veterans organizations such as the American Gold Star Mothers,
4 Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, The work of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.,
6 is increasingly important with the countless hundreds of
7 thousands of United States Armed Forces men and women who have
8 served in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom,
9 the Global War on Terrorism and with the continued deployments
10 of the Pennsylvania National Guard and our active duty military
11 and its reserve components; and

12 WHEREAS, The dedication, sacrifice and hard work of the
13 devoted members of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., merit
14 recognition; and

15 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Service Flag is the official banner
16 authorized by the Department of Defense for display by families
17 who have members serving in the United States Armed Forces
18 during a period of war or armed conflict the nation may be
19 engaged in for the duration of such hostilities; and

20 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Flag was designed and patented by
21 World War I Army Captain Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio
22 Infantry who had two sons serving on the front lines and the
23 flag quickly became an unofficial symbol of a child in service;
24 therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May
26 2013 as "Blue Star Mothers of America Month" in Pennsylvania;
27 and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
29 citizens of this Commonwealth to take some time during the month
30 of May 2013 to honor and recognize their dedication and

1 sacrifice; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
3 celebrate the history and contributions of Blue Star Mothers of
4 America, Inc.; and be it further

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

