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JULY 2, 1992

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JULY 2, 1992

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 27, 1992, 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
10 been subsequently expanded to include women who lost a son or
11 daughter in World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam

1 Conflict or the Persian Gulf War; and

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

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

11 (1) To keep alive and develop the spirit that promoted
12 world services.

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

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

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

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

25 (6) To maintain true allegiance to the United States of
26 America.

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

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

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

3 (10) To promote peace and good will for the United
4 States and all other Nations; and

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

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

11 WHEREAS, The sacrifices and contributions of the members of
12 this exemplary organization merit further recognition; therefore
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
15 September 27, 1992, as "American Gold Star Mothers' Day" in
16 Pennsylvania.