

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 422 Session of 2009

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JULY 24, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 27, 2009, as "Gold Star Mother's Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Throughout this nation's history, the men and women
4 of the United States Armed Forces have put the nation's security
5 before their own, doing their duty in the face of grave danger;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, During World War I, Service Flags were displayed
8 from homes, businesses, schools and churches to indicate, by the
9 use of a blue star, each active service member in the United
10 States military; and

11 WHEREAS, A gold star stitched over a blue star showed the

1 nation those who had given their lives for their country and the
2 devotion and pride of those left behind; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1928, the Gold Star tradition was formalized in
4 Washington, DC by a group of mothers who had lost sons and
5 daughters in service to their country and met to form the
6 American Gold Star Mothers organization, a nondenominational,
7 nonprofit and nonpolitical organization; and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Gold Star Mothers are remarkable
9 patriots who serve their communities by demonstrating good
10 citizenship, providing support and services to troops and
11 veterans and comforting the families whose loved ones have made
12 the ultimate sacrifice; and

13 WHEREAS, Though they carry a great burden of grief, the
14 courageous Gold Star Mothers help ensure that the legacy of this
15 nation's fallen heroes will be forever remembered; and

16 WHEREAS, The sons and daughters of Pennsylvania's Gold Star
17 Mothers have served this nation during World War I, World War
18 II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Conflict, the war in the
19 Balkans, the peacetime attack on the USS Cole by terrorists and
20 the conflicts in the Middle East, including Operation Desert
21 Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom;
22 and

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

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

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
2 September 27, 2009, as "Gold Star Mother's Day" in Pennsylvania
3 and honor Pennsylvania's Gold Star Mothers for their great
4 courage and strength.