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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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CULVER, APRIL 29, 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 29, 2013

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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

1 are currently serving in the United States military or who are  
2 honorably discharged veterans; and

3 WHEREAS, Family members and friends may become associate  
4 members, and fathers of military personnel or veterans may join  
5 the Dad's Association; and

6 WHEREAS, The work of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.,  
7 includes providing support for active duty service personnel and  
8 their families, promoting patriotism and assisting various  
9 veterans organizations such as the American Gold Star Mothers,  
10 Inc.; and

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

18 WHEREAS, The dedication, sacrifice and hard work of the  
19 devoted members of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., merit  
20 recognition; and

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

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

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May  
2 2013 as "Blue Star Mothers of America Month" in Pennsylvania;  
3 and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all  
5 citizens of this Commonwealth to take some time during the month  
6 of May 2013 to honor and recognize their dedication and  
7 sacrifice; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and  
9 celebrate the history and contributions of Blue Star Mothers of  
10 America, Inc.; and be it further

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