

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 289 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY KILLION, BAKER, THOMAS, ADOLPH, QUIGLEY, JAMES, WARD, MACKENZIE, READSHAW, KIRKLAND, CORBIN, PICKETT, VEREB, GRELL, COHEN, BOBACK, GOODMAN, MILLARD, ROZZI, CALTAGIRONE, BROWNLEE, SONNEY, DUSH, SCHLOSSBERG, MARSICO, DAVIS, O'BRIEN, LONGIETTI, DONATUCCI, HELM, BARBIN, KAUFFMAN, MUSTIO, GIBBONS, SNYDER, MARSHALL, BENNINGHOFF, SCHWEYER, McCARTER, McNEILL, BARRAR, HAHN, MENTZER, SCHLEGEL CULVER, WATSON, TALLMAN, SCHREIBER, O'NEILL, FREEMAN, ELLIS, WHEELAND, TOEPEL, DIGIROLAMO, KNOWLES, PAYNE, CUTLER, EMRICK, A. HARRIS, MATZIE, HARHART, GROVE, MURT, ROSS, MAHONEY, DeLUCA, OBERLANDER, FARINA, YOUNGBLOOD, GINGRICH, PETRI, DEASY, MAJOR, D. COSTA, KAVULICH, BIZZARRO, MOUL AND HENNESSEY, APRIL 24, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 24, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2015 as "Blue Star Mothers of
2 America Month" in 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

1 honorably discharged veterans; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the

1 month of May 2015 as "Blue Star Mothers of America Month" in
2 Pennsylvania; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
4 residents of this Commonwealth to take some time during the
5 month of May 2015 to honor and recognize the dedication and
6 sacrifice of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.; and be it
7 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.