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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 25, 2016, 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 their nation's
5 security before their own, doing their duty in the face of grave
6 danger; 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

1 States Military; and

2 WHEREAS, A gold star stitched over a blue star showed the
3 nation those who had given their lives for their country and the
4 devotion and pride of those left behind; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1928, the Gold Star tradition was formalized in
6 Washington, DC, by a group of mothers who had lost sons and
7 daughters in service to their country; and

8 WHEREAS, This group met to form the American Gold Star
9 Mothers, Inc., organization, a nondenominational, nonprofit and
10 nonpolitical organization; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Although they carry a great burden of grief, the
17 courageous Gold Star Mothers help ensure that the legacy of this
18 nation's fallen heroes will be forever remembered; and

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

25 WHEREAS, This nation remembers these young men and women with
26 pride and deepest appreciation; and

27 WHEREAS, In recognition of the courage of Gold Star Mothers,
28 the General Assembly, by Senate Joint Resolution 115 of June 23,
29 1936 (49 Stat. 185), designated the last Sunday in September as
30 "Gold Star Mother's Day," which resolved authorizing and

1 requesting that the President of the United States issue a
2 proclamation in observance of this day; therefore be it
3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
4 September 25, 2016, as "Gold Star Mother's Day" in Pennsylvania.