
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 335 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY MAKO, HAHN, BARRAR, MURT, TOOIL, WARD, FREEMAN, JAMES, RYAN, HENNESSEY, MACKENZIE, PICKETT, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DEAN, SCHLOSSBERG, DUSH, SONNEY, SOLOMON, HEFFLEY, ROZZI, CORBIN, DRISCOLL, LONGIETTI, READSHAW, KAUFFMAN, V. BROWN, DIGIROLAMO, NEILSON, SCHWEYER, CHARLTON, CUTLER, GROVE, SAINATO, PETRI, KAVULICH, CALTAGIRONE, WATSON, MARSICO, O'NEILL, MILLARD, BOBACK, EMRICK, R. BROWN, A. HARRIS, WHEELAND, GOODMAN, DeLUCA, BIZZARRO, DEASY, COX, ROTHMAN, FARRY, DOWLING, SANKEY, SAYLOR, GILLEN, OBERLANDER AND MOUL, MAY 18, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 18, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2017 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 1, 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, Mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers
11 and female legal guardians who have sons or daughters who are
12 currently serving in the United States military or who are
13 honorably discharged veterans are eligible for membership in the

1 organization; and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, The work of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.,
11 is increasingly important because of:

12 (1) the hundreds of thousands of United States Armed
13 Forces men and women who have served or are serving in
14 Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and the
15 Global War on Terrorism; and

16 (2) the ongoing deployments of the Pennsylvania National
17 Guard and our active duty military and its reserve
18 components;

19 and

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

23 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Service Flag is an official banner
24 authorized by the Department of Defense to be displayed by
25 families who have members serving in the United States Armed
26 Forces during a period of war or hostility in the nation; and

27 WHEREAS, In 1917, the Blue Star Service Flag was designed and
28 patented by World War I Army Captain Robert L. Queisser of the
29 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on the front lines;
30 and

1 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Service Flag quickly became an
2 unofficial symbol used to represent a child in service;
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
5 month of May 2017 as "Blue Star Mothers of America Month" in
6 Pennsylvania; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
8 residents of this Commonwealth to take some time during the
9 month of May 2017 to honor and recognize the dedication and
10 sacrifice of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
13 celebrate the history and contributions of Blue Star Mothers of
14 America, Inc.; and be it further

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