
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY STEFANO, BAKER, ARGALL, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA,
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LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, ROBINSON,
SANTARSIERO, SCHWANK AND J. WARD, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 26, 2021, as "Gold Star Mother's Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Americans pay richly deserved tribute to those
4 selfless individuals who have helped to secure the enduring
5 blessings of peace and freedom; and

6 WHEREAS, Memorial Day and Veterans Day are designated to
7 honor the sacrifices of Americans who have served in the United
8 States Armed Forces, celebrate those who have served and carry
9 on the values of duty, honor and civic responsibility Americans
10 hold as a nation; and

11 WHEREAS, Gold Star Mother's Day is intended to honor women
12 who deserve special recognition and gratitude for the tremendous
13 personal losses they have endured on behalf of our country; and

14 WHEREAS, During the early days of World War I, a Blue Star
15 was used to represent each soldier in the military service of
16 the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, As the war progressed and soldiers were killed or

1 wounded in combat or died from wounds or disease, a Gold Star
2 was superimposed over the Blue Star to reflect the loss of these
3 national heroes; and

4 WHEREAS, This tradition recognized soldiers for their
5 ultimate sacrifice to our country; and

6 WHEREAS, The Gold Star offered families an outward symbol by
7 which to honor and remember the loss of a loved one; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1928, the Gold Star tradition was formalized in
9 Washington, DC, by a group of mothers who had lost sons and
10 daughters in service to their country and met to form the
11 American Gold Star Mothers organization, a nondenominational,
12 nonprofit and nonpolitical organization; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt recognized
14 Gold Star Mothers for their strength and inspiration to this
15 country; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Gold Star Mothers, whose sons and
17 daughters have died in defense of the ideals of individual
18 liberty, should be honored and offered our deepest and abiding
19 respect and gratitude; and

20 WHEREAS, The sons and daughters of Pennsylvania's Gold Star
21 Mothers have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country during
22 World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and conflicts,
23 including the war in Afghanistan and the war in Iraq; and

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

26 WHEREAS, In recognition of the courage of Gold Star Mothers,
27 Congress passed Senate Joint Resolution 115 on June 23, 1936,
28 designating the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Mother's
29 Day" and requesting that the President issue a proclamation in
30 observance of this day; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 26, 2021, as
2 "Gold Star Mother's Day" in Pennsylvania and honor
3 Pennsylvania's Gold Star Mothers for their great courage,
4 sacrifices and strength.