
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 42 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY HUGHES, BROOKS, FONTANA, PENNYCUICK, SANTARSIERO,
CAPPELLETTI, HAYWOOD, MARTIN, ROBINSON, TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY,
SCHWANK, MILLER, COMMITTA, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, BARTOLOTTA,
COLLETT, DILLON, KANE, BREWSTER AND STREET, MARCH 14, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 14, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2023 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
14 organization; and

15 WHEREAS, Family members and friends may become associate
16 members, and fathers of military personnel or veterans may join
17 the Blue Star Dads' Association; and

1 WHEREAS, The work of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.,
2 provides support for active duty service personnel and families,
3 promotes patriotism and assists various veterans organizations,
4 including the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.; and

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

7 (1) the hundreds of thousands of United States Armed
8 Forces men and women who have served in Operation Enduring
9 Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on
10 Terrorism; and

11 (2) the ongoing deployments of the Pennsylvania National
12 Guard and our active duty military and its reserve
13 components;

14 and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, In 1917, the Blue Star Flag was designed and
23 patented by World War I Army Captain Robert L. Queisser of the
24 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on the front lines;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Flag quickly became an unofficial
27 symbol used to represent a child in service; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
29 recognize the month of May 2023 as "Blue Star Mothers of America
30 Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
2 encourage all residents of this Commonwealth to take some time
3 during the month of May 2023 to honor and recognize the
4 dedication and sacrifice of the Blue Star Mothers of America,
5 Inc.; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 recognize and celebrate the history and contributions of the
8 Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
10 the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.