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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council
2 to assign to the appropriate committee the topic of designating
3 November 9 of each year as "Gold Star Family Day".

4 *Whereas, Gold Star families are the relatives of United*
5 *States military personnel who died in battle;*

6 *Whereas, Beginning in World War I, the families of United*
7 *States soldiers and sailors often flew flags with a blue star*
8 *representing each member of the family serving in the military;*

9 *Whereas, If the family member died in battle, the blue star*
10 *was changed to a gold star;*

11 *Whereas, In August 1947, the United States Congress*
12 *authorized the military to present a gold star lapel pin to the*

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1 *family members of those killed in action;*

2 *Whereas, The first pins were simply a gold star on a purple*
3 *background with a laurel wreath surrounding the star;*

4 *Whereas, The pin was modified by Congress in 1973 to a*
5 *gold star with a gold background and four oak sprigs around*
6 *the star;*

7 *Whereas, It is fitting that our nation and our state recognize*
8 *the sacrifice that all Gold Star family members make when a*
9 *father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, or other loved*
10 *one dies in service to the nation; and*

11 *Whereas, The issue of designating November 9 of each year*
12 *as "Gold Star Family Day" deserves further study: Therefore,*

13 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
14 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

15 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign
16 to the appropriate committee the topic of designating November
17 9 of each year as "Gold Star Family Day".

