
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, WAUGH,
DINNIMAN, TOMLINSON, TEPLITZ, GREENLEAF, FERLO, STACK, YAW,
RAFFERTY, BROWNE, SMITH, FONTANA, ERICKSON, SCARNATI, ARGALL,
WHITE, HUGHES, VULAKOVICH, ROBBINS, SOLOBAY AND ALLOWAY,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 29, 2013, 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, to celebrate those who have served and to
9 carry on the values of duty, honor and civic responsibility
10 Americans 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

1 WHEREAS, As the war progressed and soldiers were killed or
2 wounded in combat or died from wounds or disease, a Gold Star
3 was superimposed over the Blue Star to reflect the loss of these
4 national heroes; and

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

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, The sons and daughters of Pennsylvania's Gold Star
22 Mothers have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country during
23 World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and in places such
24 as Afghanistan and Iraq; 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 Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 115 of June 23, 1936 (49
29 Stat. 1895), designated the last Sunday in September as "Gold
30 Star Mother's Day," which resolved authorizing and requesting

1 that the President issue a proclamation in observance of this
2 day; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 29, 2013, as
4 "Gold Star Mother's Day" in Pennsylvania and honor
5 Pennsylvania's Gold Star Mothers for their great courage,
6 sacrifices and strength.