THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 60 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY VULAKOVICH, COSTA, AUMENT, BAKER, BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SCAVELLO, WARD, WHITE AND YUDICHAK, MARCH 27, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

| 1 2 3 4 | Designating April 5, 2017, as "Gold Star Wives Day" in Pennsylvania and honoring and recognizing the sacrifices made by the spouses and families of fallen members of the armed forces of the United States. |
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| 5 | WHEREAS, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., represents the |
| 6 | spouses and families of the members and veterans of the armed |
| 7 | forces of the United States who have died while on active duty |
| 8 | or as a result of a service-connected disability; and |
| 9 | WHEREAS, The primary mission of Gold Star Wives of America, |
| 10 | Inc., is to provide services, support and friendship to the |
| 11 | spouses of fallen members and veterans of the armed forces of |
| 12 | the United States; and |
| 13 | WHEREAS, In 1945, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., was |
| 14 | organized with the help of Eleanor Roosevelt to assist the |
| 15 | families left behind by fallen members and veterans of the armed |
| 16 | forces of the United States; and |
| 17 | WHEREAS, The first meeting of Gold Star Wives of America, |
| 18 | Inc., was held on April 5, 1945; and |

1 WHEREAS, April 5, 2017, marks the 72nd anniversary of the 2 first meeting of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.; and 3 WHEREAS, Members and veterans of the armed forces of the 4 United States bear the burden of protecting the freedom of the 5 people of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, The sacrifices of the families of fallen members and 7 veterans of the armed forces of the United States should never 8 be forgotten; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate designate April 5, 2017, as "Gold 9 10 Star Wives Day" in Pennsylvania and honor and recognize the sacrifices made by the spouses and families of fallen members of 11 the armed forces of the United States, the contributions of the 12 13 members of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., the dedication of 14 the members of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., to the members and veterans of the armed forces of the United States; and be it 15 16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage the residents of this Commonwealth to observe "Gold Star Wives Day" to promote 18 19 awareness of the contributions and dedication of the members of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., to the members and veterans of 20 the armed forces of the United States and the important role 21 that Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., plays in the lives of the 22 23 spouses and families of fallen members and veterans of the armed 24 forces of the United States.

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