

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 720

Designating the week of September 24 through September 30, 2023, as  
“Gold Star Families Remembrance Week”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mr. BOST, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. ELLZEY, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. KILMER, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. CRENSHAW, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. MACE, Mr. CLINE, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. ROUZER, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. COSTA, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. KILEY, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Ms. MANNING, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. GUEST, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## RESOLUTION

Designating the week of September 24 through September  
30, 2023, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Week”.

Whereas the last Sunday in September—

(1) is designated as “Gold Star Mother’s Day”  
under section 111 of title 36, United States Code; and

(2) was first designated as “Gold Star Mother’s Day” under the Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution designating the last Sunday in September as ‘Gold Star Mother’s Day’, and for other purposes”, approved June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1895);

Whereas there is no date dedicated to families affected by the loss of a loved one who died in service to the United States;

Whereas a gold star symbolizes a family member who died in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces;

Whereas the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, through their service, bear the burden of protecting the freedom of the people of the United States;

Whereas the selfless example of the service of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, as well as the sacrifices made by the families of those individuals, inspires all individuals in the United States to sacrifice and work diligently for the good of the United States; and

Whereas the sacrifices of the families of the fallen members of the Armed Forces and the families of veterans should never be forgotten: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) designates a week annually as “Gold Star  
3       Families Remembrance Week”;

4               (2) honors and recognizes the sacrifices made  
5       by—

6               (A) the families of members of the Armed  
7       Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice to de-

1            fend freedom and protect the United States;  
2            and

3                    (B) the families of veterans of the Armed  
4            Forces; and

5            (3) encourages the people of the United States  
6            to observe “Gold Star Families Remembrance  
7            Week” by—

8                    (A) performing acts of service and goodwill  
9            in their communities; and

10                    (B) celebrating the lives of those who have  
11            made the ultimate sacrifice so that others could  
12            continue to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit  
13            of happiness.

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