

117TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 444

Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 19 through September 25, 2021, as “Purple Star Families Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2021

Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself and Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 19 through September 25, 2021, as “Purple Star Families Week”.

Whereas it is recognized that wounds sustained through armed service to the United States of America are both visible and invisible;

Whereas these invisible wounds are frequently undertreated and poorly healed;

Whereas the Department of Veterans Affairs has determined that an average of more than 20 veterans die by suicide per day;

Whereas veterans account for a disproportionate percentage of all adult suicides in the United States;



Whereas surviving family members of veterans who succumb to the invisible wounds of war are often forgotten and isolated;

Whereas these family members lose their link to the support and strength of the military and veteran communities after their loss;

Whereas the need for formal recognition of these families is vital to the strength, health, and survival of the community of United States veterans;

Whereas these families may be designated for recognition and support as “Purple Star Families”; and

Whereas the week of September 19 through September 25, 2021, is an appropriate week to designate as “Purple Star Families Week”: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 the designation of “Purple Star Families Week”.

