

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1030

Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 18 through September 24, 2022, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 5, 2022

Mr. NEWHOUSE 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

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 18 through September 24, 2022, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Week”.

Whereas the term “Gold Star family” refers to the immediate family of a member of the Armed Forces who, while serving, dies as a result of conflict;

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 the term "next of kin" means individuals standing in such relationship to members of the Armed Forces described in section 1126(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code;

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 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 a gold star lapel button is given to honor the next of kin for those who gave the last full measure of devotion;

Whereas among the Gold Star families are those whose loved ones are missing in action and are presumed dead;

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) supports the designation of a "Gold Star
- 3 Families Remembrance Week";

1 (2) honors and recognizes the sacrifices made
2 by—

3 (A) the families of members of the Armed
4 Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in order
5 to defend freedom and protect the United
6 States during active hostilities; and

7 (B) the families of veterans of the Armed
8 Forces; and

9 (3) encourages the people of the United States
10 to observe “Gold Star Families Remembrance
11 Week” by performing acts of service and goodwill in
12 their communities, and by celebrating the lives of
13 those who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that
14 others could continue to enjoy life, liberty, and the
15 pursuit of happiness.

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