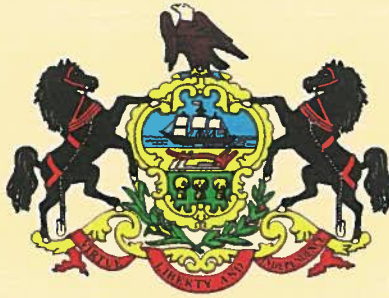


House of Representatives



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

In the House, May 4, 2011

Whereas, The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., was founded as a patriotic service organization on February 2, 1942, to unite mothers who had sons or daughters in the United States Armed Forces; and

Whereas, The nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nondiscriminatory and nonprofit organization was chartered by the Congress of the United States in 1960; and

Whereas, Persons eligible for membership in the organization include mothers and stepmothers who have sons or daughters who are currently serving in the United States military or who are honorably discharged veterans; and

Whereas, Family members and friends may become associate members, and fathers of military personnel or veterans may join the Dad's Association; and

Whereas, The work of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., includes providing support for active duty service personnel and their families, promoting patriotism and assisting various veterans organizations such as the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.; and

Whereas, The work of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., is increasingly important with more than 450,000 members of the United States Army Reserve Components having been called to active service around the world since 2001, including more than 20,000 of Pennsylvania's soldiers and airmen, consisting of more than 4,000 soldiers of the 56th Stryker Brigade and more than 1,000 soldiers from the 28th Combat Aviation Brigade who were deployed to Iraq; and

Whereas, The dedication, sacrifice and hard work of the devoted members of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., merit recognition; and

Whereas, The Blue Star Service Flag is the official banner authorized by the

Department of Defense for display by families who have members serving in the United States Armed Forces during a period of war or armed conflict the nation may be engaged in for the duration of such hostilities; and

Whereas, The Blue Star Flag was designed and patented by World War I Army Captain Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on the front lines and the flag quickly became an unofficial symbol of a child in service; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives recognize May 2011 as "Blue Star Mothers of America Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives encourage all citizens of this Commonwealth to take some time during the month of May 2011 to honor and recognize their dedication and sacrifice; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives recognize and celebrate the history and contributions of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 189, introduced by Killion, Boyd, Barrar, Miccarelli, Aument, Boback, Bradford, Brennan, Brooks, Clymer, Creighton, Cutler, DiGirolamo, Everett, Fabrizio, Fleck, Freeman, Gabler, Geist, George, Gillen, Gingrich, Godshall, Grell, Grove, Hahn, Harhart, Heffley, Hennessey, Hess, Hickernell, Hornaman, Kauffman, Knowles, Longiotti, Mahoney, Major, Marshall, Millard, Miller, Moul, Oberlander, O'Neill, Pashinski, Payne, Petri, Quinn, Readshaw, Reichley, Rock, Ross, Santarsiero, Santoni, Sonney, Stephens, Stevenson, Swanger, Tallman, Joepel, Vulakovich and White.



Samuel H. Smith
Samuel H. Smith, Speaker