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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In commemoration of Gold Star Mother's Day on 2 September 30, 2018, members of American Gold Star Mothers are gathering across the nation in heartfelt tribute to the sons and 3 daughters who have given their lives in service to their country; 4 5 and WHEREAS, Incorporated in 1929, American Gold Star Mothers is 6 composed of women whose children, as U.S. service personnel, were 7 killed in action during times of war or conflict; its name comes 8 from the custom of hanging a service flag for each member of the 9

10 military, with blue stars for living soldiers and gold stars 11 representing those who perished in battle; in their efforts to help 12 perpetuate the memory of their loved ones, Gold Star Mothers host

13 remembrance events, perform volunteer work at veterans hospitals,

14 and promote a message of respect and reverence for members of the

15 armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Gold Star Mother's Day is observed on the last Sunday in September, and each year, the president of the United States issues a proclamation for the event that calls on all citizens to display the Stars and Stripes as an expression of appreciation and support for Gold Star Mothers and their families; and

WHEREAS, Americans owe profound and eternal gratitude to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom, and Gold Star Mother's Day provides a fitting time to

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- 1 reflect on and honor the selfless service of these patriotic men and
- 2 women and to recognize the loss experienced by their mothers; now,
- 3 therefore, be it
- 4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 5 Legislature hereby commemorate Gold Star Mother's Day 2018 and
- 6 extend deepest sympathy to all Texas families who have lost a loved
- 7 one to war.