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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of Blue Star Mothers of America have
2 long rendered exceptional service to families and U.S. military
3 personnel; and

4 WHEREAS, On January 22, 1942, Army Captain George Maines ran
5 an advertisement in the *Flint News-Advertiser* calling for mothers
6 of members of the U.S. armed forces to come together; the following
7 month, on February 1, 300 mothers held their first meeting in Flint,
8 Michigan, and in 1960, Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., received
9 its charter from the U.S. Congress; a nonpartisan, nonpolitical,
10 and nonsectarian organization, BSMA is composed of mothers,
11 stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers, and female legal
12 guardians whose children are serving in the military or who have
13 achieved the status of veteran; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, at least 10 Texas chapters across the state
15 are included in the more than 200 Blue Star Mothers of America
16 chapters that represent thousands of military families in the
17 United States; among their many contributions, BSMA members ship
18 care packages to military personnel who are deployed overseas,
19 visit hospitalized veterans, assist veterans organizations, and
20 join together to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in
21 defense of our nation; and

22 WHEREAS, Committed to supporting our troops, our veterans,
23 and the families of those who so bravely serve, Blue Star Mothers of
24 America fosters a community of compassion while promoting

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1 patriotism and a sense of pride and appreciation for all members of
2 the U.S. armed forces; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
4 hereby commend the Texas chapters of Blue Star Mothers of America
5 for their important work and extend to all those associated with the
6 chapters sincere best wishes for the future.