

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 218

Reps. Meerman, Bezotte, Cherry, Fink, Garza, Haadsma, Kuppa, Morse, Rogers, Sabo, Sneller, Stone, Weiss, Witwer and Yaroch offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 1, 2022, as Blue Star Mothers
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, On January 22, 1942, in the midst of the Second World
4 War, U.S. Army Captain George Maines ran an ad in the *Flint News*
5 *Observer* calling for mothers of servicemembers to assemble; and

6 Whereas, On February 1, 1942, 300 mothers met and held their
7 first meeting at the Durant Hotel in Flint, Michigan. February 1,
8 2021, is the 80th anniversary of this meeting; and

9 Whereas, On July 14, 1960, the Blue Star Mothers of America,
10 Inc. received its Congressional Charter; and

11 Whereas, Blue Star Mothers make enormous sacrifices while

1 their sons and daughters are providing for the defense of the
2 nation; and

3 Whereas, Blue Star Mothers pack and ship thousands of care
4 packages every year to servicemembers deployed overseas, volunteer
5 to help homeless veterans, provide support for wounded warriors,
6 visit with hospitalized veterans, honor fallen heroes during
7 funeral services, and offer a compassionate community for the
8 mothers of men and women in uniform serving in harm's way; and

9 Whereas, Blue Star Mothers promote American values,
10 demonstrate a patriotic spirit, and advance a national sense of
11 pride and appreciation for our men and women in uniform; and

12 Whereas, There are 198 active chapters of the Blue Star
13 Mothers of America, Inc. throughout the United States representing
14 thousands of military families; now, therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
16 this legislative body declare February 1, 2022, as Blue Star
17 Mothers Day in the state of Michigan. We honor and recognizes the
18 contributions of the members of the Blue State Mothers of America,
19 Inc. and the important role that they play in supporting each other
20 and veterans. We encourage all citizens of the United States to
21 observe this momentous occasion and reflect on the contributions
22 and sacrifices of the mothers of servicemembers.