

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24

Reps. Martin, Bierlein, Green, BeGole, Mueller, Neeley, Martus, Fink, Meerman, Johnsen, Rigas, DeSana, Markkanen, Aragona, Hoadley, Cavitt, Beeler, Posthumus, Alexander, Bezotte, Bollin, Conlin, Fitzgerald, Glanville, Greene, Haadsma, Hope, Kunse, Liberati, Lightner, Morse, Rogers, Schuette, Snyder, Stone and Weiss offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 1, 2023, 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 2023, is the 81st anniversary of this meeting; and

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

3 Whereas, Blue Star Mothers make enormous sacrifices while
4 their sons and daughters are providing for the defense of the
5 nation; and

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

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

15 Whereas, There are over 200 active Chapters of the Blue Star
16 Mothers of America, Inc. throughout the United States representing
17 thousands of military families; now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
19 this legislative body declare February 1, 2023, as Blue Star
20 Mothers Day in the state of Michigan. We honor and recognize the
21 contributions of the members of the Blue State Mothers of America,
22 Inc. and the important role Blue Star Mothers play in supporting
23 each other and veterans. We encourage all citizens of the United
24 States to observe this momentous occasion and reflect on the
25 contributions and sacrifices of the mothers of servicemembers.