**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS, INC., FOR ITS MEMBERS’ SACRIFICE OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS KILLED WHILE SERVING IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES AND TO RECOGNIZE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AS GOLD STAR MOTHER’S AND FAMILY’S DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., was established on June 4, 1928, and incorporated on January 5, 1929; and

Whereas, on June 23, 1936, a joint congressional resolution designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother’s Day, a day of remembrance that has been observed annually by presidential proclamation; and

Whereas, American Gold Star Mothers have suffered the supreme sacrifice of motherhood in the loss of their sons and daughters who were killed in the Armed Forces or in any war or conflict or who died from injuries sustained from a war or suicide while on active duty; and

Whereas, the Blue Star now becomes gold, and the Gold Star is placed over the Blue Star, creating a blue border. The Gold Star represents valor and sacrifice to the cause of liberty, and the blue border is a faithful reminder that the servicemember will be remembered and honored always; and

Whereas, in 2011, the Obama administration amended the designation to Gold Star Family’s Day and in 2015 to Gold Star Mother’s and Family’s Day; and

Whereas, in 2018, Day of Remembrance Sunday is September thirtieth; and

Whereas, in support of Gold Star Mothers, the Blue Star Mothers of Charlotte North Carolina NC15 will take the Ultimate Sacrifice Journey to Washington, D.C., to increase awareness of Gold Star Mother’s and Family’s Day, to post and observe this official day of remembrance on official state and national calendars, and to ensure that flags are flown at half‑staff. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., for its members’ sacrifice of sons and daughters killed while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and recognize Sunday, September 30, 2018, as Gold Star Mother’s and Family’s Day in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the South Carolina and North Carolina chapters of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

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