

**RESOLUTION HONORING GOLD AND BLUE
STAR MOTHERS**

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STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: J. Morgan Philpot

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes the members of American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated, and Blue Star Mothers of America, Incorporated, for their sacrifices and for their patriotic support of the United States. The resolution also encourages members of the immediate families of individuals serving in the armed forces to display the Blue Star Service Banner during the period in which the armed forces are engaged in the war on terrorism.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, created in 1917, the Blue Star Service Banner was a common site in America's neighborhoods during World Wars I and II;

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Service Banner was displayed by families with a son or daughter serving in the armed forces;

WHEREAS, display of the Blue Star Service Banner honors and recognizes the men and women in uniform, and demonstrates to all Americans how many families have a personal stake in the war on terrorism;

WHEREAS, the members of American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated, and Blue Star Mothers of America, Incorporated, merit recognition for their sacrifices and for their dedicated and patriotic support of the United States;

WHEREAS, the American Legion has instituted a program known as "Operation Reconnect" which endeavors to reconnect the men and women of the armed forces of the United States to local communities;

WHEREAS, by providing information and services to the members of the armed forces through the American Legion's "Operation Reconnect" program, it is hoped that the members of today's armed forces will understand the importance of belonging to an organization that is fighting for their interests and the interests of all veterans;

WHEREAS, the American Legion also offers assistance, information, and services to military personnel and their families;

WHEREAS, during the period in which the armed forces are engaged in the war on terrorism, the American Legion encourages Legionnaires and local American Legion posts to purchase and present Blue Star Service Banners to the families in their communities who have a relative serving in the war on terrorism; and

WHEREAS, by displaying the Blue Star Service Banner in the windows of their homes, these families display their pride and patriotism and provide a potent reminder that the war on terrorism reaches close to everyone's home:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, recognizes the members of the American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated, and Blue Star Mothers of America, Incorporated, for their sacrifices and for their dedicated and patriotic support of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislature and the Governor encourage members of the immediate family of individuals serving in the armed forces to display the Blue Star Service Banner during the period in which the armed forces are engaged in the war on terrorism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the American Legion, the Blue Star Mothers of America, Incorporated, and the American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated.