

## 116TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## S. RES. 433

Designating February 1, 2020, as "Blue Star Mother's Day".

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

Mr. Peters (for himself and Ms. Ernst) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

## RESOLUTION

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- Whereas, on January 22, 1942, in the midst of the Second World War, United States Army Captain George Maines ran an advertisement in the Flint News Observer calling for mothers of members of the Armed Forces to meet;
- Whereas, on February 1, 1942, 300 mothers of members of the Armed Forces held their first meeting at the Durant Hotel in Flint, Michigan, and February 1, 2020, is the 78th anniversary of that meeting;
- Whereas, on July 14, 1960, the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., received its charter from Congress;
- Whereas Blue Star Mothers make enormous sacrifices while their sons and daughters are providing for the defense of the United States;

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

Whereas Blue Star Mothers promote the values of the United States, demonstrate a patriotic spirit, and advance a national sense of pride and appreciation for the men and women of the Armed Forces; and

Whereas there are 198 active chapters of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., throughout the United States representing thousands of military families: Now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved, That the Senate— 2 (1) designates February 1, 2020, as "Blue Star 3 Mother's Day"; 4 (2) honors and recognizes— 5 (A) the contributions of the members of 6 the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.; and 7 (B) the important role Blue Star Mothers 8 play in supporting each other and members and 9 veterans of the Armed Forces; and 10 encourages the people of the United 11 States— 12 (A) to observe Blue Star Mother's Day; 13 and

1 (B) to support the work of local chapters 2 of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

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