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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 63

**Introduced by Assembly Members ~~Rendon, Salas, and Irwin~~ Salas,
Irwin, and Rendon**

August 11, 2016

House Resolution No. 63—Relative to ~~Gold Star Families~~: *Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day*.

1 WHEREAS, The history of Gold Star Families began in the
2 United States shortly after World War I to provide support for
3 mothers who lost sons or daughters in the war; and

4 WHEREAS, The reference to the Gold Star comes from the
5 custom of families of servicemen or servicewomen hanging a
6 service flag in the window of their homes displaying a blue star
7 for every living family member in the service and a gold star for
8 those who have perished; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States began observing Gold Star
10 Mothers' Day on the last Sunday of September in 1936, and the
11 Gold Star Wives was formed before the end of World War II; and

12 WHEREAS, Since 2009, United States President Barack Obama
13 has issued annual proclamations designating the last Sunday in
14 September as Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day; and

15 WHEREAS, The strength of our military is built upon the men
16 and women who serve in uniform and the families who support
17 them; and

18 WHEREAS, Since the start of the War on Terrorism more than
19 6,800 members of the United States Armed Forces have lost their
20 lives; and

1 WHEREAS, The families of our fallen soldiers have made a
2 tremendous sacrifice on behalf of our country; and

3 WHEREAS, All Gold Star Families deserve to be recognized
4 by our local, state, and federal leaders for their sacrifices and for
5 their dedicated and patriotic support of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Supporting Gold Star Families who have lost loved
7 ones to combat demonstrates the commitment of the American
8 people to those families now and in the future; ~~now, therefore, be~~
9 ~~it future; and~~

10 *WHEREAS, As a nation, we must continually look for new ways*
11 *to support Gold Star Families both in the days immediately*
12 *following the tragedy and in the years that follow; now, therefore,*
13 *be it*

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That as a*
15 ~~*nation we must continually look for new ways to support Gold*~~
16 ~~*Star Families both in the days immediately following the tragedy*~~
17 ~~*and in the years that follow; and be it further That the Assembly*~~
18 ~~*hereby proclaims September 25, 2016, as Gold Star Mothers' and*~~
19 ~~*Families' Day in California; and be it further*~~

20 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall transmit*
21 *copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*