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## House Resolution

No. 63

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

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House Resolution No. 63—Relative to 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

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

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

7 WHEREAS, The strength of our military is built upon the men  
8 and women who serve in uniform and the families who support  
9 them; and

10 WHEREAS, Since the start of the War on Terrorism more than  
11 6,800 members of the United States Armed Forces have lost their  
12 lives; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Supporting Gold Star Families who have lost loved  
19 ones to combat demonstrates the commitment of the American  
20 people to those families now and in the future; and

21 WHEREAS, As a nation, we must continually look for new  
22 ways to support Gold Star Families both in the days immediately  
23 following the tragedy and in the years that follow; now, therefore,  
24 be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
26 Assembly hereby proclaims September 25, 2016, as Gold Star  
27 Mothers' and Families' Day in California; and be it further

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