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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 124

Introduced by Assembly Member Havice

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 124—Relative to Gold Star Mothers Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 124, as amended, Havice. Gold Star Mothers Week.

This measure would designate the last Monday in May, and the week following, as Gold Star Mothers Week in honor of the heroic sacrifices of our fallen men and women and of the sacrifices made by their loving parents.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, To bear a Gold Star is to display the loss of
2 one's child to war, as a recognition of the grand sacrifices
3 of our fighting men and women, and to facilitate this
4 acknowledgment there was founded, in the District of
5 Columbia, an organization called the American Gold Star
6 Mothers, originally incorporated on January 5, 1929, and
7 comprised of mothers who had lost a son or daughter in
8 World War I; and

9 WHEREAS, Eligibility for membership was expanded
10 to include mothers who lost a son or daughter in World
11 War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or the Persian
12 Gulf War; and

13 WHEREAS, Countless thousands displayed the Gold
14 Star and did acknowledge that their child had helped to
15 secure the blessings of liberty for this and all future
16 generations; and

17 WHEREAS, In the windows of America can still be seen
18 a shimmering gold star, each representing a child lost but
19 never forgotten. This candlelit display of a gold star
20 accompanies the loss of ones so cherished and so generous
21 as were our fallen heroes; and

22 WHEREAS, The purpose of the American Gold Star
23 Mothers is to keep alive and develop the spirit that
24 promoted world service and maintain the ties of
25 fellowship born of that service and to assist and further all
26 patriotic work; and

27 WHEREAS, To inculcate a sense of individual
28 obligation to the community, state, and nation and to
29 assist veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean
30 War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, and other
31 strategic areas and their dependents in the presentation
32 of claims to the Veterans' Administration, aid in any way
33 in their power the men and women who served and died
34 or were wounded or incapacitated during hostilities, and
35 perpetuate the memory of those whose lives were
36 sacrificed in our wars; and

37 WHEREAS, To maintain true allegiance to the United
38 States of America, inculcate lessons of patriotism and love
39 of the country in the communities in which we live,
40 inspire respect for the Stars and Stripes in the youth of



1 America, extend needful assistance to all American Gold
2 Star Mothers and, whenever possible, their descendents,
3 and promote peace and good will for the United States
4 and all other nations; and

5 WHEREAS, Members of the American Gold Star
6 Mothers spend countless hours contributing both time
7 and resources to provide volunteer services for veterans
8 and their family members; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
10 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature does
11 hereby designate the last Monday in May, and the week
12 following, as “Gold Star Mothers Week,” and in this way
13 may Californians be urged to pay heed to the heroic
14 sacrifices of our fallen men and women and of the
15 sacrifices made by their loving parents.

