



114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. _____

Designating April 5, 2016, as "Gold Star Wives Day".

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Designating April 5, 2016, as "Gold Star Wives Day".

Whereas the Senate honors the sacrifices made by the spouses and families of the fallen members of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. represents the spouses and families of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have died on active duty or as a result of a service-connected disability;

Whereas the primary mission of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. is to provide services, support, and friendship to the spouses of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas in 1945, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. was organized with the help of Eleanor Roosevelt to assist the

families left behind by the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas the first meeting of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. was held on April 5, 1945;

Whereas April 5, 2016, marks the 71st anniversary of the first meeting of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.;

Whereas the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States bear the burden of protecting the freedom of the people of the United States; and

Whereas the sacrifices of the families of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States should never be forgotten: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates April 5, 2016, as “Gold Star
3 Wives Day”;

4 (2) honors and recognizes—

5 (A) the contributions of the members of
6 Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.; and

7 (B) the dedication of the members of Gold
8 Star Wives of America, Inc. to the members
9 and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United
10 States; and

11 (3) encourages the people of the United States
12 to observe Gold Star Wives Day to promote aware-
13 ness of—

14 (A) the contributions and dedication of the
15 members of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.

1 to the members and veterans of the Armed
2 Forces of the United States; and

3 (B) the important role that Gold Star
4 Wives of America, Inc. plays in the lives of the
5 spouses and families of the fallen members and
6 veterans of the Armed Forces of the United
7 States.