

Rep. Brown offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 294.**

A resolution to declare February 2, 2014, as Blue Star Mothers Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, We acknowledge the women who established the Blue Star Mothers organization in 1942 in Flint, Michigan, which follows the path that Grace Siebold, founder of Gold Star Mothers, began during World War I; and

Whereas, The Blue Star Mothers started with the practice of hanging a flag in a home's front window bearing a blue star for every loved one serving in the Great War, which, as the conflict progressed and soldiers were killed in combat or later died of wounds or disease, their blue stars were replaced with gold ones; and

Whereas, We recognize and honor the women of Blue Star Mothers who pledged to do everything they could to make life easier for military men and women at home and abroad; and

Whereas, Blue Star Mothers devote their time and talents to working in veterans hospitals as well as extending a hand of kindness and moral support to their peers; and

Whereas, It is appropriate that we recognize all mothers who now have, or have had, children honorably serving in the United States Armed Forces standing in harm's way in the frontlines in defense of freedom, affording us all the opportunity to hold dear and fully enjoy our inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare February 2, 2014, as the Blue Star Mothers Day in the state of Michigan.