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Senate Bill 222 (as introduced 3-18-15)
Sponsor: Senator David Knezek
Committee: Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security

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CONTENT

The bill would create a new statute to declare February 1 of each year as "Blue Star Mothers Day", in recognition of the contributions that Blue Star Mothers has made to Michigan and the nation.

The bill includes a legislative finding that "Blue Star Mothers is a national organization of mothers whose sons and daughters serve honorably in the nation's armed forces" and was founded in Flint in 1942. The bill states that the organization's purposes and activities include all of the following:

- "Perpetuating the memory of the men and women who have served our country as members of the armed forces."
- "Welcoming home returning veterans."
- "Visiting wounded veterans in hospitals and rehabilitation centers."
- "Assisting in veterans' ceremonies."
- "Attending patriotic rallies and meetings."
- "Maintaining true allegiance to the government of the United States."
- "Upholding the American institutions of freedom, justice, and equal rights."
- "Caring for the unsupported mothers who gave their sons and daughters to the service of the nation."
- "Providing moral support for members."

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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