

Senator O'Brien offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 101.

A resolution to designate the final Sunday in September of each year as Gold Star Mothers Day.

Whereas, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., a national organization of mothers whose sons and daughters lost their lives serving in the armed forces, was formed shortly after World War I by Grace Darling Seibold and a group of mothers who lost children in the Great War; and

Whereas, Families participated in 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. When those service men and women lost their lives, the blue star was replaced with a gold star, representing the honor and glory accorded the person for their supreme sacrifice in offering for their country and the devotion and pride of the family in that sacrifice; and

Whereas, We recognize and honor the women of Gold Star Mothers, a group whose purposes and activities include keeping alive and developing the spirit that promoted world services; maintaining the ties of fellowship born of that service; and assisting and furthering all patriotic work, perpetuating the memory of those whose lives were sacrificed in wars maintaining true allegiance to the United States; assisting Gold Star Mothers and their descendants; assisting veterans and their families; promoting peace and goodwill for the United States and all other nations; and inculcating lessons of patriotism and love of country in local communities; and

Whereas, We acknowledge the contributions and sacrifice that Gold Star Mothers and their fallen loved ones have made to our state and nation in the defense of our freedom; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body designate the final Sunday in September of each year as Gold Star Mothers Day in the state of Michigan.