

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY SENATORS MARIONNEAUX AND WALSWORTH

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana for their tireless and unending efforts in supporting Louisiana soldiers and their families and for promoting patriotism throughout the state and nation.

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana are an exemplary model of love and support to all families that now have a son or daughter serving the United States Military Services; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana carry on a proud tradition that dates back to World War II, when chapters of mothers of service personnel began forming chapters across America to recognize the sacrifice and struggles of families with children serving in the military; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of hanging a Blue Star Flag, or sadly, a Gold Star Flag, in a window of the home began during the First World War; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of America received their official charter from the United States Congress in June 1960; and

WHEREAS, while the organization has grown during times of conflict and waned during times of peace, the act of hanging a Blue Star Flag in the window has grown significantly after America was viciously attacked on its own soil on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana actively participate and engage in activities throughout the year that honor military families at major ceremonies such as Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day, they also meet regularly to provide support to families with members in the military and especially families that have lost members in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and in nameless operations around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana make it one of their priority missions to help, support and recognize the Gold Star Mothers and families, declaring that all Blue Star Mothers still have a tomorrow with their children, but Gold Star Mothers have only yesterdays and the precious memories and moments of those times with their children; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana know all too well the significance of the stars, the blue for hope and pride, the gold for sacrifice to the cause of liberty and freedom, and that serving in the armed forces is an honor to our country, to our principles and to our faith.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its highest commendations to the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana for the strong love and support they provide military families, for the countless hours they spend seeing to the needs of so many patients in Veterans Affairs hospitals, for all their time well spent on the physical and emotional rehabilitation of those injured in the service of their country, and for every drive, campaign and shipment made to grateful military personnel stationed far from home.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE