

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 197

BY SENATOR ADLEY

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1, Baton Rouge, for its outstanding work for Louisiana veterans and its Blue Star and Gold Star families.

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1, received its charter in March of 2005, as the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq grew to an all-time high of combat troop levels deployed, and the United States pursued its Global War On Terror; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1, also grew in size as the veteran support group worked furiously to support military families of deployed and fallen armed forces personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1, soon began to work on projects that helped American forces serving overseas by sending them care packages several times each year, in order to let them know they were not forgotten and their service was greatly appreciated; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1, also took up the job of hosting the Wreaths Across America Ceremony in Baton Rouge by decorating the graves in the National Cemetery with wreaths each December; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1, also hosts an annual Gold Star Mothers Day Luncheon where families of fallen American armed forces personnel are honored and presented with an Honor and Remember Flag; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1, has initiated a new and beautiful ceremony each Memorial Day by placing over eleven thousand American flags on the State Capitol grounds to create a garden of flags and conduct a reading of the names of the most recently fallen; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1, has been recognized both nationally and locally for its many efforts and activities honoring Louisiana's veterans and partner annually with the national Folds of Honor Foundation to recognize fallen and wounded Louisiana veterans with the Patriot Shootout Golf Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1, also work with the Louisiana Senate on the Legislature's Military Family Day in the Senate, providing contact information and informing and inviting Gold Star Families to the event where each family is recognized for their sacrifices and losses and is honored individually by the entire Senate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its highest and most profound commendations to the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1, for its tireless efforts on behalf of veterans and their families and for the great honor that the group brings to all Louisiana citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Janet Broussard, president of Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE