

Senator O'Brien offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 212.

A resolution to designate the final Sunday in September of each year as Gold Star Mother's 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 Mother's Day in the state of Michigan.