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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 54

CHAPTER 153

Relative to Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day.

[Filed with Secretary of State September 19, 2019.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 54, Grove. Gold Star families.

This measure would proclaim September 29, 2019, as Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The history of Gold Star families began in the United States shortly after World War I to provide support for mothers who lost sons or daughters in the war; and

WHEREAS, The reference to the Gold Star comes from the custom of families of servicemen or servicewomen hanging a service flag in the window of their homes displaying a blue star for every living family member in the service and a gold star for those who have perished; and

WHEREAS, The United States began observing Gold Star Mothers' Day on the last Sunday of September in 1936, and the Gold Star Wives was formed before the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Starting in 2009, United States President Barack Obama issued annual proclamations designating the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day and since then President Donald Trump has continued the tradition of honoring the sacrifice of these families; and

WHEREAS, The strength of our military is built upon the men and women who serve in uniform and the families who support them; and

WHEREAS, Since the start of the War on Terrorism, more than 6,800 members of the United States Armed Forces have lost their lives; and

WHEREAS, The families of our fallen soldiers have made a tremendous sacrifice on behalf of our country; and

WHEREAS, All Gold Star families deserve to be recognized by our local, state, and federal leaders for their sacrifices and for their dedicated and patriotic support of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Supporting Gold Star families who have lost loved ones in combat demonstrates the commitment of the American people to those families now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, As a nation, we must continually look for new ways to support Gold Star families both in the days immediately following the tragic loss of a servicemember and in the years that follow; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims September 29, 2019, as Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day in California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.