

Date of Hearing: July 2, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 113 (Grove) – As Introduced January 16, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims September 27, 2026, as Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) 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. The reference to the Gold Star comes from the custom of families of service members hanging a service flag in the window of their homes displaying a blue star for every living family member in the Armed Forces and a gold star for those who have perished.
- 2) The United States began observing Gold Star Mothers' Day on the last Sunday of September in 1936, and Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. was formed before the end of World War II.
- 3) Since 2009, the President of the United States has designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day, continuing the tradition of honoring the sacrifice of these families.
- 4) The strength of our military is built upon the men and women who serve in uniform and the families who support them. The families of our fallen service members have made a tremendous sacrifice on behalf of our country.
- 5) All Gold Star families deserve to be recognized by our local, state, and federal leaders for their sacrifices and their dedicated, patriotic support of the United States.
- 6) Supporting Gold Star families demonstrates the commitment of the American people to those families, now and in the future. As a nation, we must continually look for new ways to support Gold Star families both in the days immediately following the tragedy and in the years that follow.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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