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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-1028

101 **CONCERNING HONORING GOLD STAR FAMILIES.**

1 WHEREAS, Since the Revolutionary War, more than one million
2 American soldiers have died in battle and military conflicts; their
3 families, who have endured these losses and the accompanying grief, are
4 known as Gold Star Families; and

5 WHEREAS, Named for the practice of families hanging service
6 banners in the windows of their homes with a star for each family
7 member in the Armed Forces, deep blue stars were displayed for each
8 living member serving, and they were replaced with gold if their loved
9 one lost his or her life serving our country and protecting our freedom;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Grace Darling Siebold founded the American Gold
12 Star Mothers in 1928; her son, George, was serving in World War I, and,

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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1 while he was abroad she channeled her worry into visiting hospitalized
2 veterans; when the letters from her son stopped arriving, and she learned
3 of his death, she took action in her grief and with a group of mothers
4 established American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 1936, Gold Star Mother's Day has been
6 honored, through presidential proclamation, as the last Sunday of each
7 September; and

8 WHEREAS, The acts of heroism and the stories of courage of
9 each fallen soldier are forever remembered in the minds and hearts of
10 their families; and

11 WHEREAS, While national monuments and memorials serve as
12 strong visible reminders for the men and women who made the ultimate
13 sacrifice in service to our nation, Gold Star Families are a living legacy
14 of each fallen soldier and can help us all remember and honor these
15 heroes by name; and

16 WHEREAS, Long after the battles have ended, as our stars and
17 stripes of liberty fly, the families who have at home a folded flag and an
18 empty seat at the table deserve our respect and our support; now,
19 therefore,

20 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-first*
21 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

22 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, honor
23 the pride and the pain of the parents and partners and children and
24 siblings of our fallen heroes and recognize the families of these proud
25 patriots with an expression of profound gratitude and respect.

26 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
27 to the commanders of the American Legion Posts in Colorado; the
28 commanders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts in Colorado; the
29 commanders of Colorado's active military bases; the Pikes Peak Chapter
30 of Gold Star Mothers; the Denver Chapter of Gold Star Wives; and the
31 chapters of the Blue Star Mothers of Colorado.