

SENATE BILL NO. 235

March 23, 2023, Introduced by Senators OUTMAN, CHERRY, SANTANA, KLINEFELT, BUMSTEAD and HOITENGA and referred to the Committee on Veterans and Emergency Services.

A bill to designate February 1 of each year as "Blue Star Mothers Day".

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) The legislature finds that Blue Star Mothers of
2 America, Inc. is a national organization of mothers whose sons and
3 daughters serve honorably in the nation's armed forces. Blue Star
4 Mothers of America, Inc. was founded in Flint, Michigan, in 1942.
5 The purposes and activities of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.
6 include all of the following:

7 (a) Perpetuating the memory of the men and women who have
8 served our country as members of the armed forces.

1 (b) Welcoming home returning veterans.

2 (c) Visiting wounded veterans in hospitals and rehabilitation
3 centers.

4 (d) Assisting in veterans' ceremonies.

5 (e) Attending patriotic rallies and meetings.

6 (f) Maintaining true allegiance to the government of the
7 United States.

8 (g) Upholding the American institutions of freedom, justice,
9 and equal rights.

10 (h) Caring for the unsupported mothers who gave their sons and
11 daughters to the service of the nation.

12 (i) Providing moral support for members.

13 (2) In recognition of the contributions that Blue Star Mothers
14 of America, Inc. has made to our state and nation, the legislature
15 declares that February 1 of each year shall be known as "Blue Star
16 Mothers Day".

17 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the
18 date it is enacted into law.