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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23-1008

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, Gold Star Families were named for the practice of
6 families hanging service banners in the windows of their homes, with a
7 star for each family member serving in the Armed Forces: Deep blue stars
8 were displayed for each living member serving, and they were replaced
9 with gold stars if the loved one was killed in action serving our country
10 and protecting our freedom; and

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

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1 while he was fighting abroad, she channeled her worry into visiting
2 hospitalized veterans. When the letters from her son stopped arriving and
3 she learned of his death, she took action in her grief and, with a group of
4 mothers, 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 fallen soldiers are forever remembered in the minds and hearts of their
10 families; and

11 WHEREAS, While national monuments and memorials serve as
12 strong visible reminders for the service members 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*
21 *Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate*
22 *concurring herein:*

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

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