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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24-1008**

101 **CONCERNING HONORING GOLD STAR FAMILIES.**

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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, on 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 American Legion of Colorado; Commander of the Department of  
29 Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars, John Keene; American Gold Star  
30 Mothers, Inc.; Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.; and The Honor Bell  
31 Foundation.