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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 25-1011**

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, While George Vaughn Seibold was fighting abroad  
12 during World War I, his mother, Grace Darling Seibold, channeled her

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1 worry into visiting hospitalized veterans. When the letters from her son  
2 stopped arriving and she learned of his death, she took action in her grief  
3 and, with a group of mothers, established American Gold Star Mothers,  
4 Inc., in 1928; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 1936, Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day has  
6 been honored, through presidential proclamation, on the last Sunday of  
7 each 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 at  
18 the table an empty seat deserve our respect and our support; now,  
19 therefore,

20 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth*  
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, partners, children, and siblings of  
24 our fallen heroes and recognize the families of these proud patriots with  
25 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 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.; the Denver Chapter of Gold Star  
31 Wives of America, Inc.; and the Colorado chapters of the Blue Star  
32 Mothers of America, Inc.