

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KELLY, and Ms. ROSEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Gold Star Families  
5 Day Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The term “Gold Star family”—

1 (A) refers to the immediate family of a  
2 servicemember who dies—

3 (i) while serving in the Armed Forces;

4 or

5 (ii) from a service-connected injury or  
6 illness; and

7 (B) originated from the service flags first  
8 flown by families during World War I.

9 (2) The flags described in paragraph (1)(B) in-  
10 cluded a blue star for each immediate family mem-  
11 ber serving in the Armed Forces during any period  
12 of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces were  
13 engaged. If a loved one represented by such a blue  
14 star died, the blue star was replaced by a gold star,  
15 which allowed members of the community to know  
16 the price that the family had paid in the cause of  
17 defending freedom.

18 (3) There are Gold Star families from World  
19 War I and many thousands from World War II, the  
20 Korean War, the Vietnam War, and Operations  
21 Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, and  
22 Enduring Freedom.

23 (4) The United States recognizes the sacrifice  
24 that all Gold Star family members make when a fa-

1 ther, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, or other  
2 loved one dies in service to the United States.

3 **SEC. 3. GOLD STAR FAMILIES DAY AS A LEGAL PUBLIC**  
4 **HOLIDAY.**

5 Section 6103(a) of title 5, United States Code, is  
6 amended by inserting after the item relating to Labor Day  
7 the following:

8 “Gold Star Families Day, the last Monday in  
9 September.”.