

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 178

Reps. Martin, Alexander, Haadsma and Schuette offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare February 1, 2024, as Blue Star Mothers  
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, On January 22, 1942, in the midst of the Second World  
4 War, U.S. Army Captain George Maines ran an ad in the Flint News  
5 Observer calling for mothers of servicemembers to assemble; and

6           Whereas, On February 1st, 1942, 300 mothers met and held their  
7 first meeting at the Durant Hotel in Flint, Michigan, and February  
8 1, 2024, is the 82nd anniversary of this meeting; and

9           Whereas, On July 14, 1960, the Blue Star Mothers of America,  
10 Inc. received its Congressional Charter; and

11           Whereas, Blue Star Mothers make enormous sacrifices while

1 their sons and daughters are providing for the defense of the  
2 nation; and

3       Whereas, Blue Star Mothers pack and ship thousands of care  
4 packages every year to servicemembers deployed overseas, volunteer  
5 to help homeless veterans, provide support for Wounded Warriors,  
6 visit with hospitalized veterans, honor fallen heroes during  
7 funeral services, and offer a compassionate community for the  
8 mothers of men and women in uniform serving in harm's way; and

9       Whereas, Blue Star Mothers promote American values,  
10 demonstrate a patriotic spirit and advance a national sense of  
11 pride and appreciation for our men and women in uniform; and

12       Whereas, There are almost two hundred active Chapters of the  
13 Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. throughout the United States  
14 representing thousands of military families; now, therefore, be it

15       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
16 this legislative body declare February 1, 2024, as Blue Star  
17 Mothers Day in the state of Michigan. We honor and recognize the  
18 contributions of the members of the Blue State Mothers of America,  
19 Inc. and the important role Blue Star Mothers play in supporting  
20 each other and veterans. We encourage all citizens of the United  
21 States to observe this momentous occasion and reflect on the  
22 contributions and sacrifices of the mothers of servicemembers.