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HOUSE BILL 64

Short Title: Blue/Gold Star Mothers' Appreciation Day. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Horn, Cleveland, Grange, and Potts (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 14, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE LAST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS
BLUE AND GOLD STAR MOTHERS' APPRECIATION DAY.

Whereas, a Blue Star Mother has a child who is currently serving in the military or has served in the past; and

Whereas, a Gold Star Mother or a Gold Star Family member has a son, daughter, spouse, father, or mother that has been killed during any war of conflict, died from sustained injuries, or committed suicide while on active duty; and

Whereas, on June 23, 1936, Congress, by joint resolution, designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mothers' Day, to be observed each year by Presidential Proclamation. Despite this joint resolution, not much has been done to encourage observation of this day; and

Whereas, currently there are only several states that recognize Gold Star Mothers' Day; and

Whereas, North Carolina prides itself as being the nation's "Most Military-Friendly State"; and

Whereas, it is important to support the families of the members of the military; and

Whereas, it is fitting to designate the last Monday in September of each year as Blue and Gold Star Mothers' Appreciation Day in North Carolina; Now, therefore, The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 103-15. Blue and Gold Star Mothers' Appreciation Day.

The last Monday in September of each year is designated as Blue and Gold Star Mothers' Appreciation Day in North Carolina."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

