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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the history and contributions of
3 the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., patriotic service
4 organization, and designating May 2011 as "Blue Star
5 Mothers of America Month" in Florida.

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7 WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., was
8 founded as a patriotic service organization on February 2, 1942,
9 to unite mothers who had sons or daughters serving in the United
10 States Armed Forces, and

11 WHEREAS, the nonpartisan, nonsectarian, and
12 nondiscriminatory nonprofit organization was chartered by the
13 United States Congress in 1960, and

14 WHEREAS, persons eligible for membership in the
15 organization include mothers and stepmothers who have sons or
16 daughters currently serving in the United States military or who
17 are honorably discharged veterans, and

18 WHEREAS, other family members and friends of military
19 personnel or veterans are eligible to become associate members
20 of the organization, and fathers of military personnel or
21 veterans may join the branch of the organization known as the
22 Dad's Association, and

23 WHEREAS, the work of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.,
24 includes providing support for active duty service personnel and
25 their families, promoting patriotism, and assisting various
26 veterans organizations such as the American Gold Star Mothers,
27 Inc., and

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28 WHEREAS, with more than 450,000 members of the United
29 States Army Reserve components having been called to active
30 service around the world since 2001, the work of the Blue Star
31 Mothers of America, Inc., has become increasingly important, and
32 the dedication, sacrifice, and hard work of the devoted members
33 of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., merits the
34 recognition of all our citizens, and

35 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense has
36 authorized the Blue Star Service Flag as the official banner to
37 be displayed by families who have members serving in the United
38 States Armed Forces during a period of war or armed conflict in
39 which the nation is engaged for the duration of such
40 hostilities, and

41 WHEREAS, designed and patented by World War I Army Captain
42 Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons
43 serving on the front lines, the Blue Star Service Flag quickly
44 became an unofficial symbol of families with a child in military
45 service, and

46 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the Blue Star
47 Mothers of America, Inc., be recognized for their invaluable
48 contributions to our nation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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50 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
51 Florida:

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53 That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida
54 recognizes and celebrates the history and contributions of Blue
55 Star Mothers of America, Inc., designates May 2011 as "Blue Star

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56 Mothers of America Month" in Florida, and encourages all
57 citizens of the state to take time during that month to honor
58 and recognize the dedication and sacrifice of this important and
59 worthwhile organization.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
61 presented to Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., as a tangible
62 token of the sentiments expressed herein.