

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter Capano

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act recognizing Gold Star Families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Peter Capano	11th Essex	1/20/2023

By Representative Capano of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3490) of Peter Capano that certain bridges and landmarks be illuminated in gold on Memorial Day as part of Operation Gold Star to recognize those lost in military service. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court (2023-2024)

An Act recognizing Gold Star Families.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 1: Section 9 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws is amended by adding said
- 2 Section 9A:
- 3 Whereas, Gold Star Families have sacrificed greatly for our Nation, landmarks and
- 4 bridges across the Commonwealth will be illuminated in gold on Memorial Day as part of
- 5 Operation Gold Star to recognize those lost in military service.
- Operation Gold Star shall be a collaboration between the legislature, Military Friends
 Foundation, MA Department of Transportation and MA Department of Veterans Services.
 Landmarks and bridges shall include, but not be limited to, The Gold Star Families Bridge in
 Lynn, The Zakim Bridge in Boston, Longfellow Bridges in Boston, Fore River Bridge in
 Quincy/Weymouth, and Burns Bridge in Shrewsbury/Worcester.