

HOUSE No. 3245

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 defining "Gold Star Families".

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>

<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Velis of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3245) of John C. Velis and others for legislation further defining Gold Star Families. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3447 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act defining "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 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following definitions under the forty third
3 definition:-

4 Gold Star Parent, any parent of a member of the armed forces whose death occurred as a
5 result of injury sustained, illness, or disease contracted, not due to gross negligence or
6 misconduct of the member, during active service.

7 Gold Star Spouse, any spouse of a member of the armed forces whose death occurred as a
8 result of injury sustained, illness, or disease contracted, not due to gross negligence or
9 misconduct of the member, during active service.