

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3245**

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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:                                  | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>John C. Velis</i>               | <i>4th Hampden</i>                                 | <i>1/18/2019</i> |
| <i>James Arciero</i>               | <i>2nd Middlesex</i>                               | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i>               | <i>2nd Hampden</i>                                 | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Daniel R. Carey</i>             | <i>2nd Hampshire</i>                               | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>     | <i>2nd Barnstable</i>                              | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>David F. DeCoste</i>            | <i>5th Plymouth</i>                                | <i>1/24/2019</i> |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i>                | <i>9th Norfolk</i>                                 | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>          | <i>10th Plymouth</i>                               | <i>1/20/2019</i> |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>        | <i>1st Worcester</i>                               | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i>            | <i>36th Middlesex</i>                              | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i>                | <i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i> | <i>1/24/2019</i> |
| <i>Carlos González</i>             | <i>10th Hampden</i>                                | <i>1/26/2019</i> |
| <i>Stephan Hay</i>                 | <i>3rd Worcester</i>                               | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>      | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>                | <i>1/18/2019</i> |
| <i>Randy Hunt</i>                  | <i>5th Barnstable</i>                              | <i>1/21/2019</i> |
| <i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>      | <i>4th Plymouth</i>                                | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i> | <i>17th Worcester</i>                              | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |

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| <i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>     | <i>18th Worcester</i> | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i>         | <i>11th Norfolk</i>   | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>    | <i>1st Plymouth</i>   | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>James J. O'Day</i>        | <i>14th Worcester</i> | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Norman J. Orrall</i>      | <i>12th Bristol</i>   | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>David Allen Robertson</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>John H. Rogers</i>        | <i>12th Norfolk</i>   | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Alan Silvia</i>           | <i>7th Bristol</i>    | <i>1/25/2019</i> |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i>         | <i>1st Hampden</i>    | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i>      | <i>8th Worcester</i>  | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i>        | <i>9th Hampden</i>    | <i>1/23/2019</i> |
| <i>Steven Ultrino</i>        | <i>33rd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>     | <i>1st Barnstable</i> | <i>1/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Bud L. Williams</i>       | <i>11th Hampden</i>   | <i>1/23/2019</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.

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

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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