

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3832**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael S. Chaisson and Sal N. DiDomenico***

*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:
<i>Michael S. Chaisson</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>4/5/2025</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/13/2025</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2025</i>

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By Representative Chaisson of Foxborough and Senator DiDomenico, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3832) of Michael S. Chaisson, Sal N. DiDomenico and others for legislation to define "Gold Star families". Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2316 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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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 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting the following definitions under the forty third definition:-

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

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