

HOUSE No.

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>

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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)**

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 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following definitions under the forty third
3 definition:-

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

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