

HOUSE No. 3447

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>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>

<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Velis of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3447) of John C. Velis and others for legislation further defining Gold Star Families. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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.