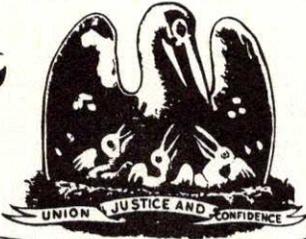


State of Louisiana



Parish of Caddo In the Name and By the Authority of The Caddo Parish Commission PROCLAMATION

GOLD STAR MOTHER'S AND FAMILY DAY

WHEREAS, on June 23, 1936, the U.S. Congress passed a joint congressional resolution that designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's Day; and

WHEREAS, the history of Gold Star Mother's Day dates back to World War I when it became the custom of military families to hang a service flag near their front window; these flags featured a blue star for each family member actively serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, and the Gold Star flag first appeared when mothers who lost sons in the war sewed gold stars over the blue stars; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo recognizes the gold star on service flags as a symbol of the soldiers who have fallen in the line of duty protecting our freedom and our nation; and

WHEREAS, we honor those members of our community who have lost a son or daughter, making the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country and recognize that, in an instant, a family is thrust into a group in; which none wants to lay claim: one defined by selflessness, humility and grace, that of a Gold Star Family; and

WHEREAS, the debt our fallen warriors and their families make is one for which our country can never return or sufficiently express our gratitude, for in their sacrifice, Americans enjoy the freedom and liberty on which our country was founded and we recognize the sacrifice that every Gold Star Family has made and will continue to make, living each day with the memory of their loved one in their thought; and

WHEREAS, we pray for peace and comfort to come to their hearts as they know that we have etched the name of their fallen Soldier, Marine, Sailor, Airman or Coast Guardsman in our hearts with them; and

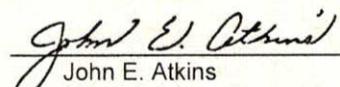
WHEREAS, on this day we remember our commitment to Gold Star Mothers and Families, who carry on with pride and courage despite grieving terrible loss; and

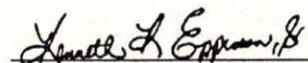
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 23rd day of September, 2021, proclaim September 26th, 2021 as **GOLD STAR MOTHER'S AND FAMILY DAY** in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, commend this observance to all our citizens, and encourage all citizens of Caddo Parish to join in the recognition and appreciation of these courageous & generous patriot mother's and families.

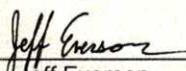
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