

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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Designating September 21, 2024, through September 29, 2024, as “Blue Star Welcome Week”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Designating September 21, 2024, through September 29, 2024, as “Blue Star Welcome Week”.

Whereas Blue Star Families seeks to empower military families by connecting them with their neighbors—individuals and organizations—to create vibrant communities of mutual support;

Whereas Blue Star Families annually designates the week beginning the second to last Saturday in September and concluding 8 days thereafter as “Blue Star Welcome Week”;

Whereas, during Blue Star Welcome Week, the Senate recognizes the 600,000 active duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities each year;

Whereas nearly half of these permanent change of station (PCS) moves occur during the summer; and

Whereas a sense of belonging is essential to the well-being and readiness of military families: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2           (1) designates September 21, 2024, through  
3       September 29, 2024, as “Blue Star Welcome  
4       Week”;

5           (2) expresses gratitude for the sacrifices made  
6       by service members, transitioning veterans, and their  
7       families;

8           (3) commits to ensuring that military-connected  
9       families feel a strong sense of belonging to their  
10      local civilian communities; and

11          (4) encourages civilians across the United  
12      States to welcome military-connected families into  
13      their communities.