

January 31st, 2019

Senator Richard Burr
217 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Burr,

The National Military and Veterans Alliance, a non-partisan advocacy group comprised of the member organizations below, writes to offer its support for a resolution designating April 5th, 2019 as "Gold Star Wives Day".

On April 5th 1945, nearing the end of World War II, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt helped convene the Gold Star Wives organization in response to the incredible sacrifices made by the spouses and families of our Greatest Generation's soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, coastguardsman, and veterans who died in service or as a result of their service-connected disabilities.

Spouses of service members and their families continue to bear a unique burden imposed by war and conflict and our nation owes them a debt that it can never repay. Your resolution will greatly contribute to our nation's obligation to honor their past and current sacrifices

NMVA pledges our support and assistance for your pending Resolution and we thank you for your leadership on this issue and your commitment to our surviving spouses. We look forward to working with you on this bill and on all issues involving our military, veterans, retirees and their family members.

Sincerely,



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American Retirees Association
AMVETS
Armed Forces Retirees Association
Army and Navy Union
Association of the United States Navy
Healing Household 6
Military Order of Foreign Wars
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Sea Service Family Foundation
Society of Military Widows
The Independence Fund
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors