

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 368

Designating September 25, 2021, through October 3, 2021, as “Blue Star Welcome Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

Mr. Kaine (for himself and Mr. Burr) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating September 25, 2021, through October 3, 2021,
as “Blue Star Welcome Week”.

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

Whereas Blue Star Families annually designates the week beginning the last Saturday in September and concluding 9 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;

Whereas only 27 percent of military family respondents to the 2020 Military Family Lifestyle Survey published by Blue Star Families reported that they feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community; 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 25, 2021, through
3 October 3, 2021, as “Blue Star Welcome Week”;

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

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

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

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