

Resolution, rededicating the

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as

THE GOLD STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Whereas

On May 28, 1918, President Woodrow Wilson approved a suggestion made by the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defenses that, instead of wearing conventional mourning dress for relatives who died in the service of the country, American women should wear a black band with a Gold Star on the band for each member of the family who has given his or her life for the nation;

Whereas

The Gold Star vividly expresses the honor and glory accorded the individual who has offered the supreme sacrifice for his or her country, as well as the pride that is surely felt by his or her family by virtue of this sacrifice;

Whereas

Since World War I, service flags, adorned with gold stars, have been displayed at homes, places of business, churches and schools in honor of members of the family, organization or community who have given their lives for their country;

Whereas

On May 18, 1965, the Maine Legislature approved a Resolve, dedicating the Maine Turnpike as "The Gold Star Memorial Highway" in memory of all the gallant men and women who have died in the service of their country;

Whereas

The Maine Turnpike, the first superhighway in New England, was built in 1947 by the ingenuity, backbreaking determination and can-do spirit of many American veterans home from World War II;

Whereas

The current members of the Maine Turnpike Authority recognize and are deeply honored by their obligation and responsibility to make the name of "The Gold Star Memorial Highway" known and its meaning apparent to the present generation of Maine citizens and visitors;

Therefore

Be it resolved that the Maine Turnpike Authority rededicates the Maine Turnpike as "The Gold Star Memorial Highway" and that this action be commemorated at a ceremony to be held November 8, 2001 and by the unveiling of new Gold Star Memorial Highway signs on that same day.

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