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S. R. No. 92

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A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Month of the Military Child in Ohio, April 2017.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1 Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 2017 as the Month 2 of the Military Child in Ohio; and 3 WHEREAS, In 1986, then U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar 4 Weinberger designated the month of April as the Month of the 5 Military Child in an effort to increase public knowledge and 6 understanding of the issues surrounding children who have a parent 7 in the military. The dependents of U.S. armed forces members are, 8 indeed, deserving of profound admiration for their strength, 9 honor, and sacrifices; and 10

WHEREAS, According to the Military Child Education Coalition, 11 there are approximately 2 million U.S. military children under the 12 age of eighteen, 1.1 million of whom are school-aged. As military 13 postings frequently change, personnel reassignments and 14 deployments can be difficult for children of armed forces members, 15 especially regarding educational transitions. The average military 16 student attends between six and nine different school systems from 17 kindergarten through high school graduation, including two changes 18 during high school alone; and 19

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WHEREAS, The State of Ohio is committed to easing educational 20 transitions for children of military families so that they are 21 afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other 22 children and are not delayed in achieving their educational goals. 23 By observing the Month of the Military Child and participating in 24 related activities, including Purple Up! For Military Kids Day on 25 April 25, Ohioans demonstrate their support of the children of our 26 armed forces members; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd28General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize29April 2017 as the Month of the Military Child in Ohio and applaud30military children for their dignity and courage; and be it further31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 32 authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio. 33

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