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Representative Merrin

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing April 2019 as the Month of the Military Child
in Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
133rd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize the Month 2
of the Military Child in Ohio, April 2019; and 3

WHEREAS, In an effort to increase public knowledge and 4
understanding of the issues surrounding children who have a parent 5
in the military, the month of April was first designated by then- 6
U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger as the Month of the 7
Military Child in 1986. The children of U.S. Armed Forces members 8
are, indeed, deserving of profound admiration for their strength, 9
honor, and sacrifices; and 10

WHEREAS, As Americans enjoy the freedom and democracy that 11
service men and women help to perpetuate, we feel the deepest 12
respect for military families in their own right, as individuals 13
who successfully imparted a stalwart sense of patriotic duty and 14
who have accepted the risks of service with dignity and courage. 15
There are those who take for granted our precious rights and 16
privileges, never adequately considering the enormous personal 17
costs so frequently exacted in conjunction with the fulfillment of 18
military obligations. We owe it to military families, especially 19
their children, who may move many times throughout their lives, 20
bear the burden of a parent being in harm's way, and endure long 21
separations from their parent, to remain keenly aware of how 22
dearly our nation has always paid for its liberty and its ideals; 23
and 24

WHEREAS, Childhood is a formative time, and family members, 25
together with communities, educators, public officials, and faith- 26

based organizations, play important roles in helping to ensure 27
that children grow-up in a safe and stable environment, one that 28
provides nurturing love and encouragement. All Ohioans share the 29
responsibility of supporting our youth, and during the month of 30
April, we renew our commitment to children with a parent in the 31
military, offering care and concern as well as understanding and 32
empathy. In addition, we urge all citizens to mark this observance 33
by advocating for those who are serving our country and their 34
families; therefore be it 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 36
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 37
this Resolution, recognize the Month of the Military Child in 38
Ohio, April 2019, and urge all citizens to observe the month with 39
appropriate programs and activities; and be it further 40

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 41
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 42
media of Ohio. 43