

A RESOLUTION

To observe the month of November as Military Family Month.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio:

WHEREAS, Recognizing November as Military Family Month provides all Ohioans with the opportunity to honor the daily sacrifices, selfless contributions, and exceptional patriotism of military families across the state and throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Active-duty military family members in the United States form an important part of the country's military community, as approximately half of all active-duty service members have a spouse and more than one-third have children, according to data from the United States Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, Families of military members are often required to spend extended periods of time away from their loved ones and to relocate frequently, sometimes through multiple deployments, all while maintaining household operations; and

WHEREAS, By supporting military families, we can help to ensure that members of the military are able to focus on their important mission of serving the state and country, knowing that their loved ones are cared for while they are away; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee works diligently to collaborate and align resources in support of Ohio troops and military families; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has approximately 7,000 active-duty personnel and approximately 27,000 national guard and reserve personnel; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General Assembly, recognize the month of November as Military Family Month to celebrate and acknowledge the ongoing contributions that military families make in support of their loved ones and in service to the country; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge all citizens to participate in appropriate programs and activities associated with Military Family Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, the Ohio Adjutant General, and the news media of Ohio.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

Adopted _____, 20____