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Senator Kunze

Cosponsors: Senators DeMora, Hoagland, Johnson

A RESOLUTION

Observing April 2023 as the Month of the Military Child in Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize the Month of the Military Child in Ohio, April 2023; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Childhood is a formative time, and family members, together with communities, educators, public officials, and faith-based organizations, play important roles in helping to ensure that

children grow up in a safe and stable environment, one that provides 25
nurturing love and encouragement. All Ohioans share the responsibility 26
of supporting our youth, and during the month of April, we renew our 27
commitment to military children, offering understanding and empathy 28
and urge all citizens to mark this observance by advocating for those 29
who are serving our country and their families; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 31
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, acknowledge the Month 32
of the Military Child in Ohio, April 2023, and urge all citizens to 33
participate in appropriate programs and activities associated with it; 34
and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated 36
copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio. 37