As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 97

Senator Weinstein

A RESOLUTION

Observing April 2025 as the Month of the Military Child in Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly 1 of Ohio are pleased to recognize the Month of the Military Child in 2 Ohio, April 2025; and 3

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 9

WHEREAS, As Americans enjoy the freedom and democracy that service 10 men and women help to perpetuate, we feel the deepest respect for 11 military families in their own right as individuals who have imparted 12 a stalwart sense of patriotic duty and who have accepted the risks of 13 service with dignity and courage. There are those who take for granted 14 our precious rights and privileges, never adequately considering the 15 enormous personal costs so frequently exacted in conjunction with the 16 fulfillment of military obligations. We owe it to military families, 17 especially their children, who may move many times throughout their 18 lives, bear the burden of a parent being in harm's way, and endure 19 long separations from their parent, to remain keenly aware of how 20 dearly our nation has always paid for its liberty and its ideals; and 21

WHEREAS, Childhood is a formative time, and family members, 22 together with communities, educators, public officials, and faith- 23 based organizations, play important roles in helping to ensure that 24 children grow up in a safe and stable environment, one that provides 25 nurturing love and encouragement. All Ohioans share the responsibility 26

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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 136th General 31 Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, acknowledge the Month 32 of the Military Child in Ohio, April 2025, 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

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