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H. R. No. 224

Representatives Richardson, Russo, Lampton

A RESOLUTION

Observing April 2022 as the Month of the Military Child in Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize the Month of the Military Child in Ohio, April 2022; 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, indeed, deserving of profound admiration for their strength, honor, and sacrifices; 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 27
nurturing love and encouragement. All Ohioans share the responsibility 28
of supporting our youth, and during the month of April, we renew our 29
commitment to children with a parent in the military, offering care 30
and concern as well as understanding and empathy. In addition, we urge 31
all citizens to mark this observance by advocating for those who are 32
serving our country and their families; therefore be it 33

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 34
the 134th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 35
acknowledge the Month of the Military Child in Ohio, April 2022, and 36
urge all citizens to participate in appropriate programs and 37
activities associated with it; and be it further 38

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 39
duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of 40
Ohio. 41