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Representative Richardson

A R E S O L U T I O N

Observing April 2021 as the Month of the Military Child in
Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General 1
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize the Month of the Military Child in Ohio, April 2021; 2
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WHEREAS, In an effort to increase public knowledge and understanding of the issues 4
surrounding children who have a parent in the military, the month of April was first designated 5
by then U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger as the Month of the Military Child in 6
1986. The children of U.S. Armed Forces members are, indeed, deserving of profound 7
admiration for their strength, honor, and sacrifices; and 8

WHEREAS, As Americans enjoy the freedom and democracy that service men and 9
women help to perpetuate, we feel the deepest respect for military families in their own right as 10
individuals who have imparted a stalwart sense of patriotic duty and who have accepted the risks 11
of service with dignity and courage. There are those who take for granted our precious rights and 12
privileges, never adequately considering the enormous personal costs so frequently exacted in 13
conjunction with the fulfillment of military obligations. We owe it to military families, 14
especially their children, who may move many times throughout their lives, bear the burden of a 15
parent being in harm's way, and endure long separations from their parent, to remain keenly 16
aware of how dearly our nation has always paid for its liberty and its ideals; and 17

WHEREAS, Childhood is a formative time, and family members, together with 18
communities, educators, public officials, and faith-based organizations, play important roles in 19
helping to ensure that children grow up in a safe and stable environment, one that provides 20
nurturing love and encouragement. All Ohioans share the responsibility of supporting our youth, 21
and during the month of April, we renew our commitment to children with a parent in the 22
military, offering care and concern as well as understanding and empathy. In addition, we urge 23
all citizens to mark this observance by advocating for those who are serving our country and 24
their families; therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General	26
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, acknowledge the Month of the Military Child in	27
Ohio, April 2021, and urge all citizens to participate in appropriate programs and activities	28
associated with it; and be it further	29
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated	30
copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio.	31