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S. R. No. 266

Senator Kunze

Cosponsors: Senators Blessing, Hoagland, Yuko, Brenner

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly 1 of Ohio are pleased to recognize the Month of the Military Child in 2 Ohio, April 2022; and 3

WHEREAS, In an effort to increase public knowledge and 4 understanding of the issues surrounding children who have a parent in 5 the military, the month of April was first designated by then U.S. 6 Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger as the Month of the Military 7 Child in 1986. The children of U.S. Armed Forces members are, indeed, 8 deserving of profound admiration for their strength, honor, and 9 sacrifices; and 10

WHEREAS, As Americans enjoy the freedom and democracy that service 11 men and women help to perpetuate, we feel the deepest respect for 12 military families in their own right as individuals who have imparted 13 a stalwart sense of patriotic duty and who have accepted the risks of 14 service with dignity and courage. There are those who take for granted 15 our precious rights and privileges, never adequately considering the 16 enormous personal costs so frequently exacted in conjunction with the 17 fulfillment of military obligations. We owe it to military families, 18 especially their children, who may move many times throughout their 19 lives, bear the burden of a parent being in harm's way, and endure 20 long separations from their parent, to remain keenly aware of how 21 dearly our nation has always paid for its liberty and its ideals; and 22

WHEREAS, Childhood is a formative time, and family members, 23 together with communities, educators, public officials, and faith- 24

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based organizations, play important roles in helping to ensure that 25 children grow up in a safe and stable environment, one that provides 26 nurturing love and encouragement. All Ohioans share the responsibility 27 of supporting our youth, and during the month of April, we renew our 28 commitment to children with a parent in the military, offering care 29 and concern as well as understanding and empathy. In addition, we urge 30 all citizens to mark this observance by advocating for those who are 31 serving our country and their families; therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 33 Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, acknowledge the Month 34 of the Military Child in Ohio, April 2022, and urge all citizens to 35 participate in appropriate programs and activities associated with it; 36 and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated 38 copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio. 39

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