
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 252 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY ROZZI, TOOHL, READSHAW, HENNESSEY, BARRAR, WARD,
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WATSON, SAINATO, LONGIETTI, MILLARD, V. BROWN, DRISCOLL,
HEFFLEY, RAPP AND NEILSON, APRIL 17, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 17, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 21, 2017, as "Purple Up for Military Kids Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Since September 11, 2001, more than 30,000
4 Pennsylvania National Guard members, reservists and active-duty
5 personnel have been deployed in support of the Global War on
6 Terrorism; and

7 WHEREAS, The estimated number of children in this
8 Commonwealth having at least one parent currently serving in the
9 National Guard, Reserves or active components of the United
10 States Armed Forces exceeds 37,000; and

11 WHEREAS, Nationwide, more than 2 million children have
12 experienced the deployment of one or more parents since 2001;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Nearly 44% of military personnel have children who
15 are left behind during these deployments; and

16 WHEREAS, The month of April has been observed as the "Month

1 of the Military Child"; and

2 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense, the United
3 States Armed Forces and other Federal agencies as well as
4 nonprofit organizations, businesses and communities throughout
5 our nation join in this observance; and

6 WHEREAS, It is fitting that we recognize and honor the
7 sacrifices and celebrate the spirit of our men and women in
8 uniform; and

9 WHEREAS, Our military personnel deserve to know that we are
10 taking care of their children while they are busy protecting us;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, When parents serve in the military, their children
13 serve as well; and

14 WHEREAS, Purple, symbolizing all branches of the military, is
15 worn as a tribute to our bravely serving men and women;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
18 21, 2017, as "Purple Up for Military Kids Day" in Pennsylvania;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
21 Pennsylvanians to show support for our military children by
22 wearing the color purple on April 21, 2017; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
24 every military installation in this Commonwealth.