

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 248 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY ROBINSON, MASTRIANO, ROTHMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL,  
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MARCH 22, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 22, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 15, 2024, as "Purple Up! for Military Kids  
2 Day" and the month of April 2024 as the "Month of the  
3 Military Child" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, From September 11, 2001, to the end of the Global  
5 War on Terrorism, more than 30,000 Pennsylvania National Guard  
6 members, reservists and active-duty personnel were deployed; 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 United States Department of Defense, the United  
17 States Armed Forces and other Federal agencies as well as

1 nonprofit organizations, businesses and communities throughout  
2 our nation join in this observance; and

3 WHEREAS, It is fitting that we recognize and honor the  
4 sacrifices and celebrate the spirit of our men and women in  
5 uniform; and

6 WHEREAS, Our military personnel deserve to know that we are  
7 taking care of their children while they are busy protecting us;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, When parents serve in the military, their children  
10 serve as well; and

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

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize April 15, 2024, as  
15 "Purple Up! for Military Kids Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage all Pennsylvanians to  
18 show support for our military children by wearing the color  
19 purple on April 15, 2024; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of April 2024  
21 as the "Month of the Military Child."