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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2024, TO BE THE "MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD" IN  
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Finkelman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,  
Noret, J. Brien, Cortvriend, O'Brien, Fellela, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: April 09, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Across our nation, and here in the State of Rhode Island, children in military  
2 families sacrifice much in order to allow their parents to serve our nation and protect our liberty.  
3 In this month of April, people are encouraged to show support for our military and veteran  
4 children, and to thank them for their strength and the sacrifices they have made and continue to  
5 make; and

6           WHEREAS, More than two million military children in the United States have  
7 experienced a parental deployment since 2001, and currently, 1.7 million have an active duty  
8 parent worldwide. The average military student faces transition challenges every two or three  
9 years, and most military children attend six to nine different school systems from kindergarten  
10 through the 12th grade. Taking care of our military children sustains our nation's fighting force  
11 and strengthens the health and safety of our nation's families and communities; and

12           WHEREAS, The Middletown School District serves the largest number of military kids  
13 in the State, with approximately 350 military connected students, amounting to approximately 16  
14 percent of the student population; and

15           WHEREAS, April 15th is also "PURPLE UP! FOR MILITARY KIDS" day. The month  
16 of April is a time to recognize the service and sacrifices of our military members, their families,  
17 and especially their children. "They deserve our support!"; now, therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
19 proclaims April of 2024, to be the "Month of the Military Child" in Rhode Island; and be it

1 further

2           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
3 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Middletown School Committee,  
4 Middletown School Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, and Chairwoman of the Military  
5 Interstate Children's Compact Commission.

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