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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**PROCLAIMING APRIL, 2021, TO BE "THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD" IN
RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Carson, Abney, McNamara,
McGaw, Batista, Azzinaro, Filippi, and Blazejewski

Date Introduced: April 06, 2021

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, Approximately two million military children in the United States have
7 experienced a parental deployment since 2001, and currently, 1.2 million have an active duty
8 parent worldwide. The average military student faces transition challenges more than twice
9 during high school, and most military children attend 6 to 9 different school systems from
10 kindergarten through the 12th grade. Taking care of our military children sustains our nation's
11 fighting force 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 600 military connected students, amounting to 26.5 percent of the
14 student population; and

15 WHEREAS, April 21st 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, 2021, to be "The Month of the Military Child" in Rhode Island; and be it further

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

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