

No. R-196. House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2022 as the Month of the Military Child and April 15, 2022 as Purple Up Day in Vermont.

(H.C.R.130)

Offered by: Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Achey of Middletown Springs, Austin of Colchester, Birong of Vergennes, Bongartz of Manchester, Canfield of Fair Haven, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Howard of Rutland City, Killacky of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Norris of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon, Rosenquist of Georgia, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of Derby, Stevens of Waterbury, Toof of St. Albans Town, Troiano of Stannard, Walker of Swanton, Walz of Barre City, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Brock, Collamore, Ingalls, Mazza, and Parent

Whereas, children of military personnel face the challenges of frequent moves and parental deployment to combat zones, and

Whereas, nationally, military children number nearly two million, and, in Vermont, there are 218 children of active-duty personnel, and many youngsters with a National Guard or reserve military service parent, and

Whereas, in 1986, as a way to celebrate these children, the U.S. Department of Defense initiated the designation of April as the Month of the Military Child, and

Whereas, the month features fun and healthful activities and events that recognize the role of these children in military life, and

Whereas, a highlight of the month is Purple Up Day, purple being a color that commemorates the joint environment of our country's armed forces, encompassing all service branches, and

Whereas, this year's Purple Up Day is scheduled for April 15, when the wearing of purple is encouraged as a visible way to thank military youngsters for their strength and sacrifice, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April 2022 as the Month of the Military Child and April 15, 2022 as Purple Up Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Military & Family Support Center at Camp Johnson.