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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 142

OBSERVING APRIL 2024, AS THE "2024 MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, thousands of brave Americans demonstrate their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in
2 the Armed Forces of the United States both on Active Duty and in the National Guard and Reserves; and

3 WHEREAS, State legislation enacted in August 2015 requires that Delaware public schools have parents or
4 guardians identify if their student is military-connected; and

5 WHEREAS, for the 2023-2024 school year, there were just over 2,400 military-connected public education school
6 students. This number is based on self-reporting by parents and guardians, and does not include military-connected students
7 in Delaware private schools and homeschools; and

8 WHEREAS, Delaware is committed to being an active participant in the Interstate Compact on Educational
9 Opportunity for Military Children (MIC3) which facilitates military children's transition in school systems across state
10 lines; and

11 WHEREAS, Delaware is committed to encouraging our schools to earn the designation of a Delaware Purple Star
12 School which is awarded to military-friendly schools that have demonstrated a major commitment to serving military-
13 connected families and students and currently has two schools with this designation with the number of applications
14 increasing every year; and

15 WHEREAS, Delaware has put in place several legislative initiatives to support military families and their children,
16 including processes for advanced enrollment for families under military orders to relocate or transfer to a military
17 installation within the State, and in-state higher education tuition support; and

18 WHEREAS, the children of our service members continue to make significant contributions to family, schools,
19 communities, the nation, and our state, despite prolonged and repeated absences of one or both parents or family members;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, these children are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is only fitting that we take the time to
22 recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and let our members of the armed forces know that while they are taking
23 care of us, we are helping to care for their children; and

24 WHEREAS, the recognition of April as the "Month of the Military Child" allows us to pay tribute to military
25 children for their commitment, patience, and courage and show our unconditional support of our troops and their family
26 members.

27 NOW, THEREFORE:

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly, the House of Representatives concurring
29 therein, that April 2024 is hereby set aside as the "2024 Month of the Military Child" in the State of Delaware and urge all
30 citizens, businesses, educators, and government leaders to mark this month with appropriate observance to honor, support,
31 and thank our military children.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution observes April 2024, as the "2024 Month of the Military Child" in the State of Delaware.

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