

**No. R-75. House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2025 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.55)

Offered by All Members of the House

*Whereas*, many Americans and Vermonters may not be aware that there are more than 1.6 million children of U.S. military personnel, and

*Whereas*, family pressures are magnified for children who remain stateside when a parent is deployed abroad, and the children of the approximately 1,000 Vermont National Guard personnel who may be deployed over the course of a year experience this disruption firsthand, and

*Whereas*, military children's frequent relocation and corresponding lack of long-term community stability present them with an unwelcome distraction, and

*Whereas*, in 1986, the U.S. Department of Defense first designated April as the Month of the Military Child, and this annual event is part of a year-round initiative that brightens and improves these children's lives, and

*Whereas*, related programs include the national Military Kids Connect, partnerships with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and 4-H Clubs, and Sesame Street for Military Families, as well as many local activities that Vermont National Guard's Child & Youth Services and other offices administer, and

*Whereas*, as part of this special month, April 15, 2025 is being observed as Purple Up! For Military Kids Day, an opportunity for Americans to show solidarity with military families by wearing purple, a color that symbolizes all branches of the military, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly recognizes April 2025 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont National Guard Office of Child & Youth Services.