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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 222 Session of  
2015

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WATSON, MAJOR, CONKLIN, GINGRICH AND GIBBONS, APRIL 10, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 10, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 15, 2015, as "Purple Up! Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Since September 11, 2001, more than 30,000  
3 Pennsylvania National Guard members, reservists and active-duty  
4 personnel have been deployed in the support of the Global War on  
5 Terrorism; and

6 WHEREAS, An estimate of the number of children in this  
7 Commonwealth having at least one parent currently serving in the  
8 National Guard, Reserves or active components of the armed  
9 forces exceeds 32,000; and

10 WHEREAS, Nationwide more than 700,000 children have  
11 experienced the deployment of one or more parents since 2001;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, More than 40% of military personnel have children  
14 who are left behind during these deployments; and

1       WHEREAS, The month of April has been observed as the "Month  
2 of the Military Child"; and

3       WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense, armed  
4 services, cabinet agencies, the White House initiative Joining  
5 Forces as well as nonprofit organizations, businesses and  
6 communities throughout our nation join in this observance; and

7       WHEREAS, It is fitting that we recognize and honor the  
8 sacrifices and celebrate the spirit of our men and women in  
9 uniform; and

10       WHEREAS, It is fitting that we let them know that we are  
11 taking care of their children while they are protecting us; and

12       WHEREAS, When parents serve in the military, their children  
13 serve as well; and

14       WHEREAS, Purple, symbolizing all branches of the military, is  
15 worn as a tribute to our bravely serving men and women;  
16 therefore be it

17       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April  
18 15, 2015, as "Purple Up! Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

19       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all  
20 Pennsylvanians to show support for our military children by  
21 wearing the color purple on April 15, 2015; and be it further

22       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
23 every military installation in this Commonwealth.