
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 757 Session of
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PHILLIPS-HILL AND GILLEN, MARCH 21, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 21, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 15, 2016, 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 support of the Global War on
5 Terrorism; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 32,000 children in this Commonwealth have
7 at least one parent currently serving in the National Guard,
8 Reserves or active components of the armed forces; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, The month of April has been observed as the "Month

1 of the Military Child"; and

2 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense, armed
3 services, cabinet agencies and the White House initiative
4 Joining Forces, as well as nonprofit organizations, businesses
5 and communities throughout our nation, join in this observance;
6 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 our men and women in
11 uniform know that we are taking care of their children while
12 they are protecting us; and

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

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

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
19 15, 2016, as "Purple Up! Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
21 Pennsylvanians to show support for our military children by
22 wearing the color purple on April 15, 2016; and be it further

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