

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 252 Session of
2022

INTRODUCED BY ROBINSON, STEFANO, BROWNE, ARGALL, BROOKS,
FONTANA, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, BARTOLOTTA, MENSCH, J. WARD,
STREET, COSTA AND PITTMAN, MARCH 28, 2022

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 28, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 15, 2022, as "Purple Up! for Military Kids
2 Day" in Pennsylvania and the month of April 2022 as the
3 "Month of the Military Child."

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

8 WHEREAS, The estimated number of children in this
9 Commonwealth having at least one parent currently serving in the
10 National Guard, Reserves or active components of the United
11 States Armed Forces exceeds 37,000; and

12 WHEREAS, Nationwide, more than 2 million children have
13 experienced the deployment of one or more parents since 2001;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Nearly 44% of military personnel have children who
16 are left behind during these deployments; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense, the United
18 States Armed Forces and other Federal agencies as well as

1 nonprofit organizations, businesses and communities throughout
2 our nation join in this observance; and

3 WHEREAS, It is fitting that we recognize and honor the
4 sacrifices and celebrate the spirit of our men and women in
5 uniform; and

6 WHEREAS, Our military personnel deserve to know that we are
7 taking care of their children while they are busy protecting us;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, When parents serve in the military, their children
10 serve as well; and

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

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize April 15, 2022, as
15 "Purple Up! for Military Kids Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage all Pennsylvanians to
18 show support for our military children by wearing the color
19 purple on April 15, 2022; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of April 2022
21 as the "Month of the Military Child."