

**House Resolution**

**No. 14**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Melendez  
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House Resolution No. 14—Relative to the Month of the Military Child.

1 WHEREAS, In 1986, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger  
2 established the Defense Department’s Month of the Military Child;  
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4 WHEREAS, Every April, United States military services and  
5 communities around the world recognize military children for their  
6 daily sacrifices and the challenges they must overcome; and

7 WHEREAS, Military children often have to adapt their lives to  
8 the requirements of their parent’s military obligations; and

9 WHEREAS, These children shoulder responsibilities beyond  
10 their years and burdens outside of their control, such as repeatedly  
11 moving and changing schools, long-term family member  
12 separations, and even the loss of a parent; and

13 WHEREAS, Many military children have known only war since  
14 September 11, 2001; and

15 WHEREAS, California is home to more than 158,000 military  
16 children whose parents serve in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine  
17 Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves; and

18 WHEREAS, California will further its commitment to the brave  
19 men and women who serve their country and state by recognizing  
20 these children and young American heroes and pledging its  
21 gratitude for their sacrifices; now, therefore, be it

1     *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
2 Assembly hereby proclaims the month of April 2013 as the Month  
3 of the Military Child in California; and be it further

4     *Resolved*, That the Assembly urges all Californians, local and  
5 state leaders, private organizations, and businesses to observe the  
6 month by showing appreciation to the children and youth of  
7 military families for standing by their parents and loved ones who  
8 are serving as members of the Armed Forces of the Unites States;  
9 and be it further

10    *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
11 of this resolution to each Senator and Representative from  
12 California in the Congress of the United States, to the Governor  
13 of California, to the Adjutant General of the California National  
14 Guard, to the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to  
15 the Secretaries of the Armed Forces of the United States, and to  
16 the author for appropriate distribution.

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