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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 129

Introduced by Assembly Member Kim
(Principal coauthor: Senator Nguyen)

February 1, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 129—Relative to the Month of the Military Child.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 129, as amended, Kim. Month of the Military Child.

This measure would declare the month of April 2016 as the Month of the Military Child.

Fiscal committee: no.

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

1 WHEREAS, Many military children have known only war since
 2 September 11, ~~2001~~; 2001, including some military children whose
 3 parents made the ultimate sacrifice; and

4 WHEREAS, As members transition to veterans' status, children
 5 and families need special care as they lose traditional military
 6 support services; and

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

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

14 Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate
 15 thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
 16 month of April 2016 as the Month of the Military Child in
 17 California; and be it further

18 Resolved, That the Legislature urges all Californians, local and
 19 state leaders, private organizations, and businesses to observe the
 20 month by showing appreciation to the children and youth of
 21 military ~~families~~ and veteran families, including children of the
 22 fallen, for standing by their parents and loved ones who are serving
 23 or have served as members of the Armed Forces of the ~~United~~
 24 United States; and be it further

25 Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
 26 of this resolution to each Senator and Representative from
 27 California in the Congress of the United States, to the Governor
 28 of California, to the Adjutant General of the California National
 29 Guard, to the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to
 30 the Secretaries of the Armed Forces of the United States, and to
 31 the author for appropriate distribution.

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