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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 129

Introduced by Assembly Member Kim

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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

13 WHEREAS, Many military children have known only war since
14 September 11, 2001, including some military children whose
15 parents made the ultimate sacrifice; and

16 WHEREAS, As members transition to veterans’ status, children
17 and families need special care as they lose traditional military
18 support services; and

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

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

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
28 month of April 2016 as the Month of the Military Child in
29 California; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges all Californians, local and
31 state leaders, private organizations, and businesses to observe the
32 month by showing appreciation to the children and youth of
33 military and veteran families, including children of the fallen, for
34 standing by their parents and loved ones who are serving or have
35 served as members of the Armed Forces of the United States; and
36 be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
38 of this resolution to each Senator and Representative from
39 California in the Congress of the United States, to the Governor
40 of California, to the Adjutant General of the California National

- 1 Guard, to the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to
- 2 the Secretaries of the Armed Forces of the United States, and to
- 3 the author for appropriate distribution.

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