

## Cosponsor Resolution Recognizing Military Children

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**Recognizing April as “Month of the Military Child”**

**Deadline to be an original cosponsor – April 9, 2024**

### RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and expressing support for the designation of April 2024 as the “Month of the Military Child”.

Whereas brave men and women serve in the United States military and protect the security and freedom of this great Nation;

Whereas over 1,300,000 Active Duty military servicemen and women, and nearly 1,000,000 ready reserve members, serve in the Armed Forces;

Whereas there are more than 1,540,000 military-connected children and youth who move, on average, 6 to 9 times during their educational career;

Whereas they encounter unique educational challenges while they move between public and Department of Defense Education Activity schools;

Whereas the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was developed in 2007 by the Department of Defense and the Council of State Governments to ease the educational transitions of military-connected students attending public schools and Department of Defense schools worldwide;

Whereas the Compact helps military children and youth stay on grade level and facilitates on-time graduation;

Whereas, while it is not exhaustive in its coverage, it addresses key issues encountered by military families: eligibility, enrollment, placement, and graduation;

Whereas the Compact uses a comprehensive approach to provide a consistent policy in every school district and member state;

Whereas the Compact Commission, which includes the 50 States and District of Columbia, works tirelessly to recognize our military-connected children and youth serve too, and pay tribute to their commitment and service to the country;

Whereas April is the Month of the Military Child, and a month-long salute will encourage our country to support military-connected children and youth; and

Whereas we encourage citizens to Purple Up! and wear purple, to express our appreciation and celebrate the unsung heroes of our military: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives encourages all citizens, communities, and business and government leaders across this great Nation to honor, support, and show appreciation for military-connected children and youth.