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**SCR-4 Month of the Military Child.** (2017-2018)

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**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4**

**CHAPTER 32**

Relative to the Month of the Military Child.

[ Filed with Secretary of State April 25, 2017. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SCR 4, Nguyen. Month of the Military Child.

This measure would declare the month of April 2017 as the Month of the Military Child, and would urge all Californians, local and state leaders, private organizations, and businesses to observe the month by showing appreciation to the children and youth of military and veteran families, including children of the fallen, for standing by their parents and loved ones who are serving or have served as members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, In 1986, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger established the Defense Department's Month of the Military Child; and

WHEREAS, Every April, the United States military services and communities around the world recognize military children for their daily sacrifices and the challenges they must overcome; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the month of April 2017 as the Month of the Military Child in California; and be it further

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

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, to the Governor of California, to the Adjutant General of the California National Guard, to the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to the Secretaries of the Armed Forces of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.