

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY SENATOR BASS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize April as the Month of the Military Child for the Bossier Parish School System.

WHEREAS, Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger in 1986 designated each April as "The Month of the Military Child"; and

WHEREAS, the month's purpose is to recognize the contribution that the military child makes as their parent or parents serve our nation; and

WHEREAS, the life of a military child is filled with unique challenges such as parent deployments, reintegration, and frequent moves; and

WHEREAS, the children of military service members continue to make significant contributions to our schools, community, state, and country, despite prolonged and repeated absences of one or both parents; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America is home to more than 1.2 million military children between the ages of 4-18, with approximately 2,600 of those students attending Bossier Parish Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Education and the Louisiana Council on the Interstate Compact for Military Children have awarded the Purple Star Designation to twenty-two of the Bossier Parish Schools for their excellence in supporting military connected children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Month of the Military Child reaffirms a commitment to ensuring excellence in our schools to our military connected students who face unique challenges that other students never experience; and

WHEREAS, students and faculty at Benton Middle School in Benton, Louisiana, will celebrate "Purple Up Day" on April 12, 2024, in recognition of a month-long salute to military children acknowledging them as heroes in our own backyard, and encouraging community support for military families.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April as Month of the Military Child for the Bossier Parish School System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Bossier Parish School System.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE