



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Chair Bowman, Vice-Chair Drazan, Vice-Chair Pham, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, I am Representative Paul Evans, HD20. I represent Monmouth, Independence, West Salem, and a portion of South Salem.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SCR 30, a resolution that designates April 10, 2025, as Purple Up! Day in recognition of the Month of the Military Child.

While this resolution may appear symbolic, its importance to Oregon's military families—particularly children—cannot be overstated. Currently, more than 10,000 military-connected children live in Oregon. These young individuals face distinct challenges resulting from their parents' service, including frequent relocations, extended periods of separation, and the ongoing stress of change and uncertainty. Too often, their experiences go unrecognized, even as they make daily sacrifices.

By formally recognizing Purple Up! Day, Oregon affirms its commitment to these children and their families. This simple act of wearing purple on April 10 offers visibility, support, and solidarity. It encourages schools, agencies, and communities across the state to pause and acknowledge the resilience and strength of military-connected youth.

Choosing not to advance this resolution would overlook a meaningful opportunity to honor a resilient and often unseen part of Oregon's Armed Services population. Supporting SCR 30 reinforces a statewide commitment to recognizing all who serve—both in uniform and at home—and affirms the value of the families who stand behind them. For these reasons, I respectfully urge your support for SCR 30.

Respectfully,