

Reps. Moore, Accavitti, Adamini, Ball, Baxter, Bieda, Brandenburg, Brown, Byrnes, Byrum, Casperson, Caswell, Condino, Dillon, Donigan, Drolet, Elsenheimer, Emmons, Espinoza, Farhat, Farrah, Garfield, Gleason, Gonzales, Gosselin, Green, Hansen, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Hummel, Jones, Kahn, Kehrl, Kolb, Kooiman, Kathleen Law, Leland, Lemmons, III, Lemmons, Jr., Lipsey, Mayes, McDowell, Meyer, Miller, Mortimer, Murphy, Nitz, Nofs, Palmer, Pastor, Pavlov, Phillips, Plakas, Polidori, Proos, Robertson, Sak, Schuitmaker, Shaffer, Sheltrown, Spade, Stahl, Stewart, Taub, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Van Regenmorter, Vander Veen, Ward, Waters, Wojno and Zelenko offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 65.

A resolution honoring the Michigan Military Moms and all mothers of armed services personnel.

Whereas, Sunday, May 8, 2005, marks the 91st nationally recognized Mother's Day holiday in the United States, a special day of commemoration and celebration for mothers that often includes breakfast in bed, family gatherings, and crayon-scribbled, cut and pasted "I Love You" notes; and

Whereas, This weekend the grown children of thousands of Michigan moms continue to serve their country countless miles from home. These children protect democracy and champion freedom throughout the nation and world in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy; and

Whereas, Here at home, these moms fight a battle of their own every day, armed with the support of family, friends, and neighbors and the glowing pride in their sons and daughters for serving the United States of America; and

Whereas, During this very stressful time of their sons and daughters service in the military, many moms have gathered in support of one another to answer questions, lend advice, and strengthen common bonds in friendship, with some of the mothers organizing into formal organizations; and

Whereas, One such organization is the Michigan Military Moms, which began in mid-2002 with eight members in Dearborn. It has since grown, with chapters meeting bi-monthly or monthly in Troy and Dundee that now include over 200 mothers of troops stationed overseas, stateside, in basic training, and of sons and daughters preparing to enter the military; and

Whereas, Michigan Military Moms is an exemplary model of a military support organization for the entire state due to its active support of our U.S. troops and their families by sending care packages and birthday cards to service personnel and offering hugs and prayers, sharing experiences and ideas, and providing comfort and words of encouragement with families on the home front to boost the morale and spirit of those far away from, and at home; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body honor the Michigan Military Moms and all mothers of armed services personnel. The special role they provide, with loyal and unselfish love and dedication each day is the backbone and strength of our society; and be it further

Resolved, That we proudly salute on this Mother's Day, and every day, all Michigan military moms whose children so proudly serve our great country; and be it further

Resolved, Copies of this resolution be transmitted to Michigan Military Moms as a token of our esteem and respect.