

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4661, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Dunshee, Dye, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Hickel, Holy, Hudgins, S. Hunt, Hurst, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Kuderer, Lytton, MacEwen, Magendanz, Manweller, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Parker, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reykdal, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Rossetti, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Scott, Sells, Senn, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Stokesbary, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van De Wege, Van Werven, Vick, Walkinshaw, Walsh, Wilcox, Wilson, Wylie, Young, and Zeiger

1 WHEREAS, As citizens of this country we are eternally indebted to  
2 the men and women who courageously serve in our military, who  
3 sacrifice everything in order to protect our liberties; and

4 WHEREAS, The families of these service men and women also serve  
5 our country by bravely supporting their husbands, wives, fathers,  
6 mothers, sisters, and brothers; and

7 WHEREAS, A child who loses a mother or father while that parent  
8 is serving their country is a special child who will endure deep pain  
9 throughout their lives in the absence of their mother or father; and

10 WHEREAS, These children deserve gratitude, much like the parents  
11 they lost, for their service and sacrifice; and

12 WHEREAS, The Gold Star Child Program works to recognize, support,  
13 and empower American children who have a parent who died while  
14 serving in the United States military; and

15 WHEREAS, The program's slogan, "Military kids serve too!" reminds  
16 people that these children deserve respect and support; and

17 WHEREAS, Seattle Seahawks wide receiver and Pacific Northwest  
18 native, Jermaine Kearse, created the 15 to 1: Jermaine Kearse  
19 Foundation in 2015 to support and inspire youth in military families;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, As a former youth in a military family, Mr. Kearse  
22 understands the adversity facing youth who grow up in a military  
23 family; and

