

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 912

**WHEREAS**, On May 22, 2003, the City of Jasper is holding a United States Military Family Blue Star Banner Ceremony at the Jasper High School Fine Arts Auditorium to honor relatives of local servicemen; and

**WHEREAS**, The purpose of this community event is to provide support for families of members of the United States armed forces who have been on active duty during wartime; by presenting each of them with a Blue Star Service Banner, the people of Jasper are acknowledging the sacrifices endured by these families, each of which knows all too well the uncertainty that accompanies having a loved one engaged in combat; and

**WHEREAS**, Organized through the efforts of the Jasper County judge's office and the Jasper County Appraisal District, the ceremony will also include a military honor guard, music, and prayers of support and thanksgiving by ministers from Buna, Kirbyville, and Jasper; and

**WHEREAS**, The families of American soldiers, whose military duty has placed them in harm's way, are living proof of the poet John Milton's observation "they also serve who only stand and wait," and it is indeed appropriate that these relatives of our fighting men and women, as well as those who support them, receive special legislative recognition at this time; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the families of military personnel in the Jasper area and the citizens of Jasper who are participating in the city's United States Military Family Blue Star Banner Ceremony and extend to them sincere best wishes for a successful and meaningful event.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 20, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate