SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 585

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join Texans across the state in celebrating April, 2009, as the Month of the Military Child; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1986 by Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, the Month of the Military Child honors the important role that military children play in the armed forces community; and

WHEREAS, This tribute to military children recognizes their daily sacrifices and the many obstacles they overcome as they face the unique challenges of growing up in a military family; and

WHEREAS, Numerous organizations have arisen that serve the needs of these young Americans; the Department of Defense has initiated a series entitled "Military Students on the Move," the United States Air Force has launched a "Stay Connected" program to help children maintain contact with their parents deployed overseas, and the United States Navy is hosting programs to salute military children; and

WHEREAS, Despite facing multiple moves from one school to another and long overseas deployments by their parents, military children exhibit self-confidence and resilience; their strengths are admired by many, and they are truly deserving of acknowledgement for their important role in the armed forces community and their many contributions and sacrifices; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the children of our military families and extend to them best wishes for a memorable Month of the Military Child; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special celebration.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate