

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 589**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Samantha Cipriano on the occasion of the statewide commemoration of the Month of the Military Child, which is being celebrated in April, 2009; and

**WHEREAS,** As part of the celebration, the Texas Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations sponsored an Art and Poetry Contest for children whose parents are current or recent members of the military forces; Samantha was selected a winner in the poetry contest; she is an 11th-grade student at Robert M. Shoemaker High School in Fort Hood, and her poetry will remain on display at the State Capitol throughout the legislative session; and

**WHEREAS,** The Month of the Military Child was established in 1986 to honor the importance of the children whose parents serve our nation in the armed forces; and

**WHEREAS,** Military children face unique challenges as they grow up in a military family; over the course of a military career the average family moves nine times, forcing a young person to change schools and say goodbye to friends and familiar faces, and long overseas deployments also present special difficulties for children and parents; and

**WHEREAS,** Samantha has faced these challenges with courage and composure, providing her parents with steadfast support as they fulfill their duty in service to our nation; her resilience and self-confidence are truly deserving of recognition as we celebrate the Month of the Military Child; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Samantha Cipriano on her important role in maintaining the morale of our armed forces while meeting the unique challenges of the military way of life; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte

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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

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

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate