SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 885

WHEREAS, For the past year, the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program has assisted a distinguished group of students in pursuing their college educations, and the cadets who are part of this initiative are to be congratulated for being chosen for this notable honor; and

WHEREAS, The program provides financial aid to men and women who are seeking postsecondary education and who have committed to serving their state or country; in addition to encouraging individuals to devote themselves to military service, the Texas Armed Services Scholarships promote participation in Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs at the state's institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Recipients of the scholarships are appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor, and members of the Texas Senate and House of Representatives; each cadet is authorized to receive up to \$15,000 annually through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board over four years of study; and

WHEREAS, In order to qualify for the award, a student must enroll in a Reserve Officers' Training Corps program while in college and enter into an agreement to become a member of the Texas Army National Guard or the Texas Air Force National Guard for four years or to become a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States; they must also meet a number of academic requirements while in high school, including maintaining a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, achieving a college-readiness score on the SAT or ACT, and ranking in the top one-third of their graduating class; and

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WHEREAS, These noteworthy young Texans have dedicated themselves to serving their fellow citizens while working toward their professional goals, and they may indeed look with anticipation and optimism toward the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby honor the cadets of the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the cadets as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate. Ogden

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate