

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 848

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate the Month of the Military Child.

WHEREAS, thousands of brave Americans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving the Armed Forces of the United States of America in active duty posts in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world; and

WHEREAS, more than 20,000 of Tennessee's children and youth have been directly affected by the military deployment of at least one parent; and

WHEREAS, these children and youth are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is only fitting that we take time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and let our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of the Month of the Military Child will allow us to pay tribute to military children and youth for their commitment, their struggles, and their unconditional support of our troops because when parents serve in the military their kids are heroes too; and

WHEREAS, *The Real Army Wives: Ask AndreaLynne* works to advocate for military children and families to ensure they are supported and encouraged throughout their service to this nation and afterward; and

WHEREAS, a month-long salute to military children and youth will encourage the local community to provide direct support for military children and families who are currently serving abroad, at home, and for those who have lost a parent in service to this country; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we do hereby join with the citizens of Tennessee as they commemorate

the month of April 2014 as the Month of the Military Child to honor, support, and thank military children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.