

Senators Garcia, Gleason, Anderson, Cropsey, Schauer and Jansen offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 173.

A resolution recognizing April 2008 as the Month of the Military Child in the state of Michigan.

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 40 percent of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines have left behind families with children; and

Whereas, More than one million of America's children have at least one parent currently serving active military duty; and

Whereas, These children 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're taking care of us, we're taking care of their children; and

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

Whereas, A monthlong salute to military children will encourage support for Kids Serve Too and other organizations and campaigns established to provide direct support to military children and families; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize April 2008 as the Month of the Military Child in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage all citizens to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor, support, and thank military children.