



Miss Riverland 2011
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SOLDIER SUPPORT

Over 90% of Americans have never served in the military. I am one of them, and this is my opportunity to share with you my personal belief that civilian support is essential to the well-being of our troops and their families. Soldier Support was created as a means of meeting our moral obligation to do what we can for those who endanger their lives to preserve our liberties, livelihoods, and businesses. I want to impress upon people that it is not the poet that gives us the freedom of speech, but it is the soldier. It is not the late night news reporter or early morning gossip columnist that gives us the freedom of press, nor is the local minister who gives us the freedom of religion, but it is the soldier. It is also not the lobbyist who gives us the freedom to petition nor is it the college democrat who gives us the freedom to assembly, but it is the soldier.

My story is one that is familiar to many American families. When people ask, the only way I can describe my family is to say we are an Air Force family. The main event that sparked my devotion to supporting our troops occurred when my brother was deployed on the very same day I won my local title as Miss Riverland. My platform, Soldier Support, encompasses many opportunities for communities to be involved in helping our troops who are currently deployed overseas. My goal is to enhance communication between separated military families and help our men and women feel the support and gratitude of our nation. Some of the hardest hit members of a military family are often the youngest. Raising money through Soldier Support will allow the purchase of recordable books for the deployed military to send a prerecorded bedtime story back to their children at home. Funds raised through Soldier Support will enable me to send phone cards and care packages to deployed military alongside the USO.

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