

Senate Resolution 872

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Homeless and Female Veterans Assistance Study Committee; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that approximately 107,000
4 veterans are homeless in this country; and

5 WHEREAS, the department continues to report increases in the number of homeless veterans
6 with dependent children seeking assistance, and many of those are women in single parent
7 situations; and

8 WHEREAS, female veterans with dependent children are particularly vulnerable, because
9 most federal Veterans Affairs transitional housing programs accept only veterans; and

10 WHEREAS, we as a society owe our veterans a real chance for happiness after a life
11 interrupted by war.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
13 Homeless and Female Veterans Assistance Study Committee to be composed of five
14 members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate
15 shall designate one of the appointees to serve as chairperson of the committee. The
16 chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
18 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
19 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
20 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
21 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
22 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
23 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative

24 committees but shall receive the same for not more than three days unless an additional two
25 days are authorized by the President of the Senate. The funds necessary to carry out the
26 provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the
27 event that the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations for proposed
28 legislation, such report shall be made no later than December 31, 2012. The committee shall
29 stand abolished on December 31, 2012.