

**To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of  
Representatives**

This petition of the members of the 11th Light Horse Caboolture Troop and Military Museum Association Inc.

Draws to the attention of the House: the lack of tangible recognition by the Australian Government of the service to our nation by the many young Australians who have undergone military training in the Army, Navy and Air Force cadets. At the end of four years training, cadets are basically prepared for military service in the unfortunate circumstance that this becomes necessary. Cadets have regularly been used by schools, R.S.L. clubs, state and federal governments as a cost effective way of providing a uniformed ceremonial parade whenever such an occasion is needed. This service to the nation by cadets has been on an entirely voluntary basis.

Of all the young people who are eligible, only 1% of young Australians actually volunteer to serve our nation with pride in the A.D.F. cadets. Cadets realize that when wearing their uniforms they are representing Australia.

Many countries recognize the commitment of the personnel in their cadet corps. In 2006, Canada created a medal to recognize continuous meritorious service by deserving cadets. To qualify for this award, a serving or former cadet must have successfully completed four years of honourable service with no serious infractions.

We therefore ask the House to: create a new civil award (medal) to recognize the service to Australia by serving and former A.D.F. cadets.