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BROWNSVILLE -- Dozens of people gathered Saturday morning for the signing of a military covenant, the first in the Valley, benefiting family members of servicemen and women.

U.S. Congressman Solomon Ortiz (D-Corpus Christi) was the first to sign the covenant, which will cover Cameron County.

The program, a partnership between numerous business, faith groups and government agencies, will be lead by H.A.R.P., a Brownsville-based, non-profit group.

Karen Anzak, associate director for the non-profit, told Action 4 News she hopes the partnership will ease the stress for families divided by military duty.

The program will offer discounts, special offers, and a number of services such as counseling to military families.

Individuals and families interested in enrolling or finding our more information about the program can contact H.A.R.P. at (956) 544-7165, or they can visit their website www.harppcc.com.