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Mother apologizes for girl's fake essay

Garland woman asks TV viewers to not blame her daughter

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The Garland mother who lied about a dead soldier husband to win her daughter a Hannah Montana concert trip apologized Friday on national television, asking people not to punish the 6-year-old for her mistake.

"I sincerely apologize to those

people who feel misled because of my bad judgment," Priscilla Ceballos said, reading from a prepared statement.

"I apologize to our military and their families. I meant no disrespect. ... I apologize to my daughter for getting her mixed up in this mess."

Last week, Ms. Ceballos' daughter won a Club Libby Lu essay contest for tickets to a sold-out show by Miley Cyrus performing as Hannah Montana, the fictional rock star from the Disney televi-

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