

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1940

Sponsors: Representatives Hall, Pierce, Martin (Primary Sponsors); M. Alexander, Brown, Carney, Cleveland, Coates, Faison, E. Floyd, Frye, Gill, Goodwin, Gulley, Harrison, Hughes, Iler, Justice, Justus, Killian, Lucas, Luebke, McElraft, Ross, Samuelson, Spear, Stam, Stewart, Tarleton, Wainwright, E. Warren, Weiss, and Wray.

Referred to:

May 25, 2010

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
2 MILITARY FOR THEIR SERVICE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF THOSE
3 KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

4 Whereas, Memorial Day was first observed as Decoration Day on May 30, 1868, as
5 an occasion to decorate the graves of Civil War soldiers; and

6 Whereas, after World War I, Decoration Day was expanded to honor service
7 members killed in all of our nation's wars and, after World War II, Decoration Day became
8 known as Memorial Day; and

9 Whereas, in 1971, Congress established Memorial Day as a federal holiday to be
10 observed on the last Monday of May; and

11 Whereas, as we observe Memorial Day in 2010, it is important to reflect upon the
12 contributions and sacrifices the men and women of our armed forces have made in upholding
13 the principles of democracy and liberty while in service to our nation; and

14 Whereas, it is fitting to honor and commend the North Carolinians, as well as the
15 men and women that served with military units based in North Carolina, who were killed in the
16 line of duty; Now, therefore,

17 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

18 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly expresses its profound gratitude and
19 appreciation to all the men and women of the United States Armed Forces for their selfless
20 service.

21 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of Marine Corps
22 Captain Seth Mitchell and all of the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who were from North
23 Carolina or had ties to the State and lost their lives during Operations Iraqi Freedom and
24 Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan since May 25, 2009.

25 **SECTION 3.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of United States
26 Navy Lieutenant Paul B. Stam, who served during World War II, and all the veterans of past
27 wars who have died since the last Memorial Day.

28 **SECTION 4.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of all of our
29 North Carolina National Guard members who lost their lives while serving on active duty since
30 May 21, 2009, as follows:

31 Major Jason George
32 Sergeant Paul F. Brooks
33 1st Lieutenant Leevi K. Barnard



1 Sergeant Roger L. Adams
2 Specialist Robert L. Bittiker
3 Sergeant Juan C. Baldeosingh
4 Staff Sergeant Edward C. Kramer
5 Specialist Felicia Hill.

6 **SECTION 5.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the families
7 of the above named service members who made the ultimate sacrifice to help secure the
8 freedom of the United States of America. The people of the State of North Carolina owe a debt
9 to these brave service members and solemnly pledge that they shall never be forgotten.

10 **SECTION 6.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.