

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2011**

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SENATE RESOLUTION DRSR15162-LG-128A (05/17)

Sponsors: Senators Brunstetter and Pate (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A SENATE 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 2011, 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 Senate:

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

20 **SECTION 2.** The Senate wishes to honor the memory of all of the members of the
21 military from North Carolina who lost their lives while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom
22 and Operation Enduring Freedom since May 24, 2010, as follows:

23 Army Pfc. Christopher R. Barton, Concord, North Carolina

24 Army Master Sgt. Jamal H. Bowers, Raleigh, North Carolina

25 Army Spc. Jacob C. Carroll, Clemmons, North Carolina

26 Marine Lance Cpl. Ross S. Carver, Rocky Point, North Carolina

27 Army Staff Sgt. Adam L. Dickmyer, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

28 Army Sgt. Donald R. Edgerton, Murphy, North Carolina

29 Army Spc. Matthew E. George, Grantsboro, North Carolina

30 Army Pfc. James F. McClamrock, Huntersville, North Carolina

31 Army Sgt. Willie A. McLawhorn, Jr., Conway, North Carolina

32 Army Pfc. Amy R. Sinkler, Chadbourn, North Carolina

33 Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Terry L. Varnadore II, Hendersonville, North
34 Carolina

35 Army Pfc. Christian M. Warriner, Mills River, North Carolina.

36 **SECTION 3.** The Senate wishes to honor the memory of all the veterans of past
37 wars who have died since the last Memorial Day.



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1 **SECTION 4.** The Senate wishes to honor the memory of the following members of
2 the North Carolina National Guard who died since May 24, 2010:

3 Staff Sgt. Christopher Edge

4 Cpt. Kerry Hathcock

5 Sgt. Karen Herrera

6 1st Lt. Kevin Marks

7 Pfc. Mark Rakes

8 Spc. John Pace

9 Staff Sgt. Aldridge Ferrell

10 Spc. Kenneth Carl

11 Sgt. Curtis Yannone

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

16 **SECTION 6.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.