

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2011

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SENATE RESOLUTION 779

Sponsors: Senators Brunstetter, Pate; Allran, Apodaca, Atwater, P. Berger, Bingham, Blake, Blue, Brock, Brown, Clary, Clodfelter, Daniel, Dannelly, Davis, East, Forrester, Garrou, Goolsby, Graham, Gunn, Harrington, Hartsell, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jenkins, Jones, Kinnaird, Mansfield, Meredith, Nesbitt, Newton, Preston, Purcell, Rabon, Robinson, Rouzer, Rucho, Soucek, Stein, Stevens, Tillman, Tucker, Vaughan, Walters, and White.

Referred to: Calendar 5/25/11.

May 25, 2011

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



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

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

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

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

8 Staff Sgt. Christopher Edge

9 Cpt. Kerry Hathcock

10 Sgt. Karen Herrera

11 1st Lt. Kevin Marks

12 Pfc. Mark Rakes

13 Spc. John Pace

14 Staff Sgt. Aldridge Ferrell

15 Spc. Kenneth Carl

16 Sgt. Curtis Yannone

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

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