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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR95224-LG-188A* (05/21)

Sponsors: Senators Goolsby, Mansfield, and Apodaca (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

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 2012, 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, the House of Representatives 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 all of the
22 members of the military from North Carolina who lost their lives while serving during
23 Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn since May
24 25, 2011, as follows:

25 Chief Special Warfare Operator Christopher G. Campbell, Jacksonville, North Carolina

26 Captain Shawn P. T. Charles, Hickory, North Carolina

27 Specialist Junot M. L. Cochilius, Charlotte, North Carolina

28 Corporal Michael J. Dutcher, Asheville, North Carolina

29 Staff Sergeant Brandon F. Eggleston, Candler, North Carolina

30 Specialist Daniel L. Elliott, Youngsville, North Carolina

31 Specialist David Emanuel Hickman, Greensboro, North Carolina

32 Specialist Patrick L. Lay II, Fletcher, North Carolina

33 Lance Corporal Christopher P. J. Levy, Ramseur, North Carolina

34 Staff Sergeant Leon H. Lucas Jr., Wilson, North Carolina

35 Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Newman, Shelby, North Carolina

36 Lance Corporal Nicholas S. O'Brien, Stanley, North Carolina



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- 1 Staff Sergeant Ergin V. Osman, Jacksonville, North Carolina
- 2 Specialist Calvin M. Pereda, Fayetteville, North Carolina
- 3 Sergeant Colby Lee Richmond, Providence, North Carolina
- 4 Sergeant Jeffrey C. S. Sherer, Four Oaks, North Carolina

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

7 **SECTION 4.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the families
8 of the service members named above who made the ultimate sacrifice to help secure the
9 freedom of the United States of America. The people of the State of North Carolina owe a debt
10 to these brave service members and solemnly pledge that they shall never be forgotten.

11 **SECTION 5.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.