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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO OUR
2 VETERANS.

3 Whereas, North Carolina is proud to be home to generations of brave men and
4 women who have valiantly defended our nation and upheld its principles of democracy and
5 freedom; and

6 Whereas, these veterans have placed our nation's security before their own lives,
7 creating a debt that we can never fully repay; and

8 Whereas, veterans should be remembered and honored for their service and personal
9 sacrifice for the greater good of our nation; some of whom made the ultimate sacrifice in
10 protecting our country and the freedoms enjoyed by our citizens and all Americans; and

11 Whereas, North Carolina has a rich military history and is home to six major
12 Department of Defense (DOD)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) installations: Fort
13 Bragg; Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base; Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station and Naval
14 Air Depot; New River Marine Corps Air Station; Seymour Johnson Air Force Base; and U.S.
15 Coast Guard Base, Elizabeth City; as well as the Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal, the
16 North Carolina National Guard, Reserve Components, and other DOD/DHS activities and
17 organizations; and

18 Whereas, according to the most recent data from the National Center for Veterans
19 Analysis and Statistics, North Carolina's veteran population is approximately 772,421,
20 including 594,208 veterans who served during times of war and 178,213 who served during
21 times of peace; and

22 Whereas, of that number of veterans living in North Carolina, 17,924 served during
23 World War II; 47,111 served during the Korean Conflict; 243,034 served during the Vietnam
24 Era; and more than 311,245 have served during the Gulf Wars; and

25 Whereas, as of 2015, North Carolina ranked sixth in the nation for military retirees
26 numbering over 92,619 and ranked second for veterans living in rural areas numbering more
27 than 137,000; and

28 Whereas, North Carolina also has over 129,000 active-duty military personnel and
29 reserve members residing in the State, making North Carolina one of the largest active-duty
30 military populations in our entire country; and

31 Whereas, the people of North Carolina are grateful to all of our heroic veterans for
32 their selfless service to our State and our nation; Now, therefore,

33 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:



1 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives extends its profound gratitude and
2 appreciation to all the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces for their
3 selfless service.

4 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives wishes to honor the memory of those
5 who have lost their lives in defense of the safety and liberty of the people of the United States
6 of America.

7 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.