

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR80420-LG-165 (04/21)**

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Sponsors: Representatives Martin, Blust, Killian, and Hall (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FALLEN SOLDIERS WHO SERVED OUR  
2 NATION IN OPERATIONS IRAQI FREEDOM AND ENDURING FREEDOM.

3 Whereas, Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, began on May 30,  
4 1868, when General John A. Logan declared the day an occasion to decorate the graves of Civil  
5 War soldiers; and

6 Whereas, by the early 1900s, several states had declared Decoration Day as an  
7 official holiday; and

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

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

13 Whereas, as we observe Memorial Day in 2009, it is fitting to honor and express  
14 profound gratitude to the North Carolinians who were killed in the line of duty during  
15 Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

16 Whereas, these courageous individuals should be remembered and honored for their  
17 valiant and heroic efforts in protecting the national security interest of the United States and  
18 upholding the principles of democracy and freedom; Now, therefore,  
19 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

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

23 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly wishes to express its profound thanks and to  
24 honor the memory of the following soldiers who lost their lives during Operations Iraqi  
25 Freedom and Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan since May 26, 2008, and who are  
26 from North Carolina or have family ties to the State:

27 Army Private First Class Theron V. Hobbs, Albany, Georgia, family in Raleigh, North Carolina

28 Army Specialist Joel A. Taylor, Pinetown, North Carolina

29 Army Staff Sergeant Travis K. Hunsberger, Goshen, Indiana, family in Fayetteville, North  
30 Carolina

31 Army Master Sergeant Shawn E. Simmons, Ashland, Massachusetts, family in Hope Mills,  
32 North Carolina

33 Army Specialist First Class Jeffrey M. Rada Morales, Narajito, Puerto Rico, family in  
34 Fayetteville, North Carolina

35 Army Sergeant James M. Treber, Imperial Beach, California, family in Fayetteville, North  
36 Carolina



- 1 Army Master Sergeant Mitchell W. Young, Jonesboro, Georgia, family in Fayetteville, North  
2 Carolina
- 3 Army Corporal Pruitt A. Rainey, Haw River, North Carolina
- 4 Navy Special Warfare Operator First Class Joshua Harris, Lexington, North Carolina
- 5 Army Private Michael W. Murdock, Chocowinity, North Carolina
- 6 Army Specialist Jason E. VonZerneck, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 7 Army Specialist Bradley S. Coleman, Martinsville, Virginia, family in Eden, North Carolina
- 8 Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jessie A. Cassada, Hendersonville, North Carolina
- 9 Army Sergeant Jason Parsons, Lenoir, North Carolina
- 10 Army Staff Sergeant Jeremy E. Bessa, Woodbridge, Illinois, family in Fayetteville, North  
11 Carolina
- 12 Army Master Sergeant David Hurt, Tucson, Arizona, family in Hope Mills, North Carolina
- 13 Army Sergeant Devin C. Poche, Jacksonville, North Carolina
- 14 Navy Commander Charles Springle, Wilmington, North Carolina.
- 15 **SECTION 3.** The General Assembly wishes to express its profound thanks and to  
16 honor the memory of all who made the ultimate sacrifice during Operations Iraqi Freedom and  
17 Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan between 2001 and 2008, especially the following  
18 North Carolinians:
- 19 Sergeant Leonard W. Adams, Mooresville, North Carolina
- 20 Sergeant Mark P. Adams, Morrisville, North Carolina
- 21 Sergeant Kevin D. Akins, Burnsville, North Carolina
- 22 Lance Corporal Brian E. Anderson, Durham, North Carolina
- 23 Sergeant First Class Henry A. Bacon, Wagram, North Carolina
- 24 Staff Sergeant Charlie L. Bagwell, Lake Toxaway, North Carolina
- 25 Corporal Felipe C. Barbosa, High Point, North Carolina
- 26 Staff Sergeant Patrick O. Barlow, Greensboro, North Carolina
- 27 Major Larry J. Bauguess Jr., Moravian Falls, North Carolina
- 28 Specialist Bradley S. Beard, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- 29 Sergeant Darry Benson, Winterville, North Carolina
- 30 Corporal Mark A. Bibby, Watha, North Carolina
- 31 Corporal Joshua C. Blaney, Matthews, North Carolina
- 32 Gunnery Sergeant Darrell W. Boatman, Fayetteville, North Carolina
- 33 Sergeant Larry R. Bowman, Granite Falls, North Carolina
- 34 Staff Sergeant Juantrea T. Bradley, Greenville, North Carolina
- 35 Specialist Lunsford B. Brown II, Creedmoor, North Carolina
- 36 Lance Corporal Benjamin S. Bryan, Lumberton, North Carolina
- 37 Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Buehring, Fayetteville, North Carolina
- 38 Lance Corporal Kenneth J. Butler, Rowan, North Carolina
- 39 Staff Sergeant Marshall H. Caddy, Nags Head, North Carolina
- 40 Corporal Bobby T. Callahan, Jamestown, North Carolina
- 41 Specialist Jocelyn L. Carrasquillo, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina
- 42 Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mitchell K. Carver Jr., Charlotte, North Carolina
- 43 Captain Christopher S. Cash, Winterville, North Carolina
- 44 Lance Corporal Jessie A. Cassada, Hendersonville, North Carolina
- 45 Staff Sergeant Kyu H. Chay, Fayetteville, North Carolina
- 46 Staff Sergeant Darrell P. Clay, Fayetteville, North Carolina
- 47 Corporal Benny G. Cockerham III, Conover, North Carolina
- 48 Specialist Shawn R. Creighton, Windsor, North Carolina
- 49 First Lieutenant Joshua Deese, Rowland, North Carolina
- 50 Staff Sergeant Mike A. Dennie, Fayetteville, North Carolina
- 51 Specialist Daniel A. Desens, Jacksonville, North Carolina

- 1 Specialist Lance O. Eakes, Apex, North Carolina
- 2 Corporal Christopher S. Ebert, Mooresboro, North Carolina
- 3 Specialist Phillip C. Edmundson, Wilson, North Carolina
- 4 Lance Corporal Nathan R. Elrod, Salisbury, North Carolina
- 5 Specialist Steven R. Elrod, Hope Mills, North Carolina
- 6 Specialist Ebe F. Emolo, Greensboro, North Carolina
- 7 Captain Michael S. Fielder, Holly Springs, North Carolina
- 8 Chief Warrant Officer Paul J. Flynn, Whitsett, North Carolina
- 9 Specialist Aaron M. Forbes, Oak Island, North Carolina
- 10 Specialist Nicholas R. Gibbs, Stokesdale, North Carolina
- 11 Lance Corporal Cliff K. Golla, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 12 Seaman Sandra S. Grant, Linwood, North Carolina
- 13 Private Joseph R. Guerrero, Dunn, North Carolina
- 14 Chief Warrant Officer Stanley L. Harriman, Wade, North Carolina
- 15 Petty Officer Class Joshua Harris, Lexington, North Carolina
- 16 Corporal Kenneth D. Hess, Asheville, North Carolina
- 17 Sergeant Anton J. Hiatt, Mount Airy, North Carolina
- 18 Private First Class Brian L. Holden, Claremont, North Carolina
- 19 Specialist Christopher S. Honaker, Havelock, North Carolina
- 20 Lance Corporal David B. Houck, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- 21 Lance Corporal Gregory C. Howman, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 22 Corporal Jason I. Huffman, Conover, North Carolina
- 23 Lance Corporal Jeriad P. Jacobs, Clayton, North Carolina
- 24 Captain William W. Jacobsen Jr., Charlotte, North Carolina
- 25 Command Sergeant Major Dennis Jallah Jr., Fayetteville, North Carolina
- 26 Specialist Steven R. Jewell, Bridgeton, North Carolina
- 27 Specialist Robert T. Johnson, Erwin, North Carolina
- 28 Sergeant Courtney T. Johnson, Garner, North Carolina
- 29 Private William C. Johnson, Oxford, North Carolina
- 30 Specialist Kevin M. Jones, Washington, North Carolina
- 31 Sergeant William S. Kinzer Jr., Hendersonville, North Carolina
- 32 Lance Corporal Johnathan E. Kirk, Belhaven, North Carolina
- 33 Sergeant Elmer C. Krause, Greensboro, North Carolina
- 34 Lance Corporal Alan Dinh Lam, Snow Camp, North Carolina
- 35 Specialist James I. Lambert III, Raleigh, North Carolina
- 36 Specialist George V. Libby, Aberdeen, North Carolina
- 37 Corporal Darryl W. Linder, Hickory, North Carolina
- 38 Lance Corporal Kevin A. Lucas, Greensboro, North Carolina
- 39 Private First Class Adam L. Marion, Mount Airy, North Carolina
- 40 Staff Sergeant Misael Martinez, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- 41 Specialist Montrel S. McArn, Raeford, North Carolina
- 42 Sergeant First Class Marvin L. Miller, Dunn, North Carolina
- 43 Staff Sergeant William C. Moore, Benson, North Carolina
- 44 Private Michael W. Murdock, Chocowinity, North Carolina
- 45 Private First Class Shawn M. Murphy, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
- 46 Sergeant Rodney A. Murray, Ayden, North Carolina
- 47 Lance Corporal David S. Parr, Benson, North Carolina
- 48 Sergeant David B. Parson, Kannapolis, North Carolina
- 49 Specialist Jason R. Parsons, Lenoir, North Carolina
- 50 Captain Christopher T. Pate, Hampstead, North Carolina
- 51 Staff Sergeant Emanuel Pickett, Teachey, North Carolina

- 1 Sergeant Devin C. Poche, Jacksonville, North Carolina
- 2 Chief Warrant Officer Bruce E. Price, Fayetteville, North Carolina
- 3 Corporal Pruitt A. Rainey, Haw River, North Carolina
- 4 Staff Sergeant Jason C. Ramseyer, Lenoir, North Carolina
- 5 Staff Sergeant Joseph R. Ray, Asheville, North Carolina
- 6 Sergeant Thomas C. Ray II, Weaverville, North Carolina
- 7 Sergeant John D. Rode, Pineville, North Carolina
- 8 Specialist Michael J. Rodriguez, Sanford, North Carolina
- 9 Sergeant Scott C. Rose, Fayetteville, North Carolina
- 10 Specialist Ryan D. Russell, Elm City, North Carolina
- 11 Lance Corporal Andrew D. Russoli, Greensboro, North Carolina
- 12 Sergeant Monta S. Ruth, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- 13 Private First Class Enrique C. Sanchez, Garner, North Carolina
- 14 Sergeant Leonard D. Simmons, New Bern, North Carolina
- 15 Sergeant John M. Smith, Wilmington, North Carolina
- 16 Sergeant Roderic A. Solomon, Fayetteville, North Carolina
- 17 Specialist Michael K. Spivey, Fayetteville, North Carolina
- 18 Sergeant First Class Greg L. Sutton, Spring Lake, North Carolina
- 19 Lance Corporal Daniel F. Swaim, Yadkinville, North Carolina
- 20 Specialist Joel A. Taylor, Pinetown, North Carolina
- 21 Major David G. Taylor, Apex, North Carolina
- 22 Specialist Prince K. Teewia, Durham, North Carolina
- 23 Sergeant Zachary D. Tellier, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 24 Petty Officer Third Class Christopher W. Thompson, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina
- 25 Specialist David N. Timmons Jr., Lewisville, North Carolina
- 26 Sergeant Michael L. Tosto, Apex, North Carolina
- 27 Staff Sergeant Eric R. Vick, Spring Hope, North Carolina
- 28 Specialist Jason E. von Zerneck, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 29 Staff Sergeant Michael S. Voss, Aberdeen, North Carolina
- 30 Sergeant Gregory L. Wahl, Salisbury, North Carolina
- 31 Staff Sergeant Laurent J. West, Raleigh, North Carolina
- 32 Private First Class Christopher N. White, Southport, North Carolina
- 33 Private First Class Joey D. Whitener, Nebo, North Carolina
- 34 Sergeant David B. Williams, Tarboro, North Carolina
- 35 Sergeant Lee C. Wilson, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- 36 Staff Sergeant Romanes L. Woodard, Hertford, North Carolina.

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

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