

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 2009  
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2009-30  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1652**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, these courageous individuals should be remembered and honored for their valiant and heroic efforts in protecting the national security interest of the United States and upholding the principles of democracy and freedom; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

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

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

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

Army Specialist Joel A. Taylor, Pinetown, North Carolina

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

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

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

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

Army Master Sergeant Mitchell W. Young, Jonesboro, Georgia, family in Fayetteville, North Carolina

Army Corporal Pruitt A. Rainey, Haw River, North Carolina

Navy Special Warfare Operator First Class Joshua Harris, Lexington, North Carolina

Army Private Michael W. Murdock, Chocowinity, North Carolina

Army Specialist Jason E. VonZerneck, Charlotte, North Carolina

Army Specialist Bradley S. Coleman, Martinsville, Virginia, family in Eden, North Carolina

Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jessie A. Cassada, Hendersonville, North Carolina

Army Sergeant Jason Parsons, Lenoir, North Carolina



Army Staff Sergeant Jeremy E. Bessa, Woodbridge, Illinois, family in Fayetteville, North Carolina

Army Master Sergeant David Hurt, Tucson, Arizona, family in Hope Mills, North Carolina

Army Sergeant Devin C. Poche, Jacksonville, North Carolina

Navy Commander Charles Springle, Wilmington, North Carolina

Army First Lieutenant Leevi K. Barnard, Mount Airy, North Carolina.

**SECTION 3.** The General Assembly wishes to express its profound thanks and to honor the memory of all who made the ultimate sacrifice during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan between 2001 and 2008, especially the following North Carolinians:

Sergeant Leonard W. Adams, Mooresville, North Carolina

Sergeant Mark P. Adams, Morrisville, North Carolina

Sergeant Kevin D. Akins, Burnsville, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Brian E. Anderson, Durham, North Carolina

Sergeant First Class Henry A. Bacon, Wagram, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Charlie L. Bagwell, Lake Toxaway, North Carolina

Corporal Felipe C. Barbosa, High Point, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Patrick O. Barlow, Greensboro, North Carolina

Major Larry J. Bauguess Jr., Moravian Falls, North Carolina

Specialist Bradley S. Beard, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Sergeant Darry Benson, Winterville, North Carolina

Corporal Mark A. Bibby, Watha, North Carolina

Corporal Joshua C. Blaney, Matthews, North Carolina

Gunnery Sergeant Darrell W. Boatman, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Sergeant Larry R. Bowman, Granite Falls, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Juantrea T. Bradley, Greenville, North Carolina

Specialist Lunsford B. Brown II, Creedmoor, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Benjamin S. Bryan, Lumberton, North Carolina

Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Buehring, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Kenneth J. Butler, Rowan, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Marshall H. Caddy, Nags Head, North Carolina

Corporal Bobby T. Callahan, Jamestown, North Carolina

Specialist Jocelyn L. Carrasquillo, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mitchell K. Carver Jr., Charlotte, North Carolina

Captain Christopher S. Cash, Winterville, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Jessie A. Cassada, Hendersonville, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Kyu H. Chay, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Darrell P. Clay, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Corporal Benny G. Cockerham III, Conover, North Carolina

Specialist Shawn R. Creighton, Windsor, North Carolina

First Lieutenant Joshua Deese, Rowland, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Mike A. Dennie, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Specialist Daniel A. Desens, Jacksonville, North Carolina

Specialist Lance O. Eakes, Apex, North Carolina

Corporal Christopher S. Ebert, Mooresboro, North Carolina

Specialist Phillip C. Edmundson, Wilson, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Nathan R. Elrod, Salisbury, North Carolina

Specialist Steven R. Elrod, Hope Mills, North Carolina

Specialist Ebe F. Emolo, Greensboro, North Carolina

Captain Michael S. Fielder, Holly Springs, North Carolina

Chief Warrant Officer Paul J. Flynn, Whitsett, North Carolina

Specialist Aaron M. Forbes, Oak Island, North Carolina

Specialist Nicholas R. Gibbs, Stokesdale, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Cliff K. Golla, Charlotte, North Carolina

Seaman Sandra S. Grant, Linwood, North Carolina

Private Joseph R. Guerrero, Dunn, North Carolina

Chief Warrant Officer Stanley L. Harriman, Wade, North Carolina

Petty Officer Class Joshua Harris, Lexington, North Carolina

Corporal Kenneth D. Hess, Asheville, North Carolina

Sergeant Anton J. Hiatt, Mount Airy, North Carolina  
Private First Class Brian L. Holden, Claremont, North Carolina  
Specialist Christopher S. Honaker, Havelock, North Carolina  
Lance Corporal David B. Houck, Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Lance Corporal Gregory C. Howman, Charlotte, North Carolina  
Corporal Jason I. Huffman, Conover, North Carolina  
Lance Corporal Jeriad P. Jacobs, Clayton, North Carolina  
Captain William W. Jacobsen Jr., Charlotte, North Carolina  
Command Sergeant Major Dennis Jallah Jr., Fayetteville, North Carolina  
Specialist Steven R. Jewell, Bridgeton, North Carolina  
Specialist Robert T. Johnson, Erwin, North Carolina  
Sergeant Courtney T. Johnson, Garner, North Carolina  
Private William C. Johnson, Oxford, North Carolina  
Specialist Kevin M. Jones, Washington, North Carolina  
Sergeant William S. Kinzer Jr., Hendersonville, North Carolina  
Lance Corporal Johnathan E. Kirk, Belhaven, North Carolina  
Sergeant Elmer C. Krause, Greensboro, North Carolina  
Lance Corporal Alan Dinh Lam, Snow Camp, North Carolina  
Specialist James I. Lambert III, Raleigh, North Carolina  
Specialist George V. Libby, Aberdeen, North Carolina  
Corporal Darryl W. Linder, Hickory, North Carolina  
Lance Corporal Kevin A. Lucas, Greensboro, North Carolina  
Private First Class Adam L. Marion, Mount Airy, North Carolina  
Staff Sergeant Misael Martinez, Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
Specialist Montrel S. McArn, Raeford, North Carolina  
Sergeant First Class Marvin L. Miller, Dunn, North Carolina  
Staff Sergeant William C. Moore, Benson, North Carolina  
Private Michael W. Murdock, Chocowinity, North Carolina  
Private First Class Shawn M. Murphy, Fort Bragg, North Carolina  
Sergeant Rodney A. Murray, Ayden, North Carolina  
Lance Corporal David S. Parr, Benson, North Carolina  
Sergeant David B. Parson, Kannapolis, North Carolina  
Specialist Jason R. Parsons, Lenoir, North Carolina  
Captain Christopher T. Pate, Hampstead, North Carolina  
Staff Sergeant Emanuel Pickett, Teachey, North Carolina  
Sergeant Devin C. Poche, Jacksonville, North Carolina  
Chief Warrant Officer Bruce E. Price, Fayetteville, North Carolina  
Corporal Pruitt A. Rainey, Haw River, North Carolina  
Staff Sergeant Jason C. Ramseyer, Lenoir, North Carolina  
Staff Sergeant Joseph R. Ray, Asheville, North Carolina  
Sergeant Thomas C. Ray II, Weaverville, North Carolina  
Sergeant John D. Rode, Pineville, North Carolina  
Specialist Michael J. Rodriguez, Sanford, North Carolina  
Sergeant Scott C. Rose, Fayetteville, North Carolina  
Specialist Ryan D. Russell, Elm City, North Carolina  
Lance Corporal Andrew D. Russoli, Greensboro, North Carolina  
Sergeant Monta S. Ruth, Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Private First Class Enrique C. Sanchez, Garner, North Carolina  
Sergeant Leonard D. Simmons, New Bern, North Carolina  
Sergeant John M. Smith, Wilmington, North Carolina  
Sergeant Roderic A. Solomon, Fayetteville, North Carolina  
Specialist Michael K. Spivey, Fayetteville, North Carolina  
Sergeant First Class Greg L. Sutton, Spring Lake, North Carolina  
Lance Corporal Daniel F. Swaim, Yadkinville, North Carolina  
Specialist Joel A. Taylor, Pinetown, North Carolina  
Major David G. Taylor, Apex, North Carolina  
Specialist Prince K. Teewia, Durham, North Carolina  
Sergeant Zachary D. Tellier, Charlotte, North Carolina  
Petty Officer Third Class Christopher W. Thompson, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina

Specialist David N. Timmons Jr., Lewisville, North Carolina  
Sergeant Michael L. Tosto, Apex, North Carolina  
Staff Sergeant Eric R. Vick, Spring Hope, North Carolina  
Specialist Jason E. von Zerneck, Charlotte, North Carolina  
Staff Sergeant Michael S. Voss, Aberdeen, North Carolina  
Sergeant Gregory L. Wahl, Salisbury, North Carolina  
Staff Sergeant Laurent J. West, Raleigh, North Carolina  
Private First Class Christopher N. White, Southport, North Carolina  
Private First Class Joey D. Whitener, Nebo, North Carolina  
Sergeant David B. Williams, Tarboro, North Carolina  
Sergeant Lee C. Wilson, Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
Staff Sergeant Romanes L. Woodard, Hertford, North Carolina.

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

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009.

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Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

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Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives