

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR50837-LG-6 (12/5)

Sponsors: Representative Hurley.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE RANDOLPH COUNTY VETERANS HONOR
2 GUARD.

3 Whereas, as a result of the United States' decision to abandon its practice of
4 providing military funeral rites for deceased veterans, a group of veterans in Randolph County
5 formed an organization known as the "Randolph County Honor Guard" in 1990; and

6 Whereas, the Randolph County Honor Guard set out to provide military honors free
7 of charge at the funeral of any honorably discharged veteran buried in Randolph County; and

8 Whereas, the organization began with 18 members: Robert Cheatham, Frank Davis,
9 Frank Rose, Wayland Ingold, Gary Edwards, Leonard Auman, G. Tom Moore, H.H. Bolton,
10 Arthur Coble, Leroy Diggs, Charles Morton, William Grant, Terry Stutts, Carl Odham, Doug
11 White, George E. Brown, Odell Hayes, and Martin Shaw; and

12 Whereas, the initial uniforms for the Randolph County Honor Guard consisted of
13 blue coveralls, white gloves, a white web belt, a helmet liner painted white, and 1903
14 Springfield rifles; and

15 Whereas, during its first year, the Randolph County Honor Guard performed at less
16 than 10 funerals but were soon sought after to perform throughout the county and surrounding
17 areas; and

18 Whereas, by 1998, the organization had provided military honors at 100 funerals
19 and had grown in membership to 30 people; and

20 Whereas, in 2002, the honor guard grew in membership to 40 people and performed
21 at 200 funerals; and

22 Whereas, today the Randolph County Honor Guard has 83 members and provides
23 military honors to more than 400 veterans annually within a 50-mile radius of Randolph
24 County; and

25 Whereas, the Randolph County Honor Guard also provides patriotic programs for
26 schools and churches and performs at parades and other community events; and

27 Whereas, membership in the Randolph County Honor Guard is open to any
28 honorably discharged veteran who is willing to volunteer at least nine hours each month; and

29 Whereas, the organization recently lost one of its founding members, Frank T. Rose,
30 who was laid to rest on January 26, 2010, with full military honors performed by the Randolph
31 County Honor Guard; Now, therefore,

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

33 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly expresses its appreciation to the members of
34 the Randolph County Honor Guard for the invaluable service they perform for the State's
35 veterans in Randolph County and the surrounding areas.

36 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Frank T. Rose
37 for helping to establish and participating in the Randolph County Honor Guard. He was also



1 very instrumental in getting the Veteran Memorial in Asheboro for Randolph County Veterans
2 and served as the past State Commander of the American Legion.

3 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
4 resolution to the Randolph County Honor Guard and the family of Frank T. Rose.

5 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.