

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009  
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2010-4  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1940**

A JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY FOR THEIR SERVICE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF THOSE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

Whereas, Memorial Day was first observed as Decoration Day on May 30, 1868, as an occasion to decorate the graves of Civil War soldiers; and

Whereas, after World War I, Decoration Day was expanded to honor service members killed in all of our 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 2010, it is important to reflect upon the contributions and sacrifices the men and women of our armed forces have made in upholding the principles of democracy and liberty while in service to our nation; and

Whereas, it is fitting to honor and commend the North Carolinians, as well as the men and women that served with military units based in North Carolina, who were killed in the line of duty; 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 honor the memory of Marine Corps Captain Seth Mitchell and all of the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who were from North Carolina or had ties to the State and lost their lives during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan since May 25, 2009.

**SECTION 3.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of United States Navy Lieutenant Paul B. Stam, who served during World War II, and all the veterans of past wars who have died since the last Memorial Day.

**SECTION 4.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of all of our North Carolina National Guard members who lost their lives while serving on active duty since May 21, 2009, as follows:

Major Jason George  
Sergeant Paul F. Brooks  
1st Lieutenant Leevi K. Barnard  
Sergeant Roger L. Adams  
Specialist Robert L. Bittiker  
Sergeant Juan C. Baldeosingh  
Staff Sergeant Edward C. Kramer  
Specialist Felicia Hill.

**SECTION 5.** 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 6.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2010.

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Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

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Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives