

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR70085-LG-65 (02/09)

Sponsors: Representative Setzer.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE
2 HIGHWAY PATROL AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
3 IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

4 Whereas, the General Assembly enacted legislation to establish a State
5 Highway Patrol on March 18, 1929; and

6 Whereas, the first highway patrol training school began on May 20, 1929, at
7 Camp Glenn near Morehead City; and

8 Whereas, of the 42 participants that completed the training, 37 were sworn in
9 as members of the State Highway Patrol on July 1, 1929; and

10 Whereas, the State Highway Patrol currently consists of more than 1,700
11 uniformed officers and over 490 civilians; and

12 Whereas, for 75 years, the State Highway Patrol has stayed true to its mission
13 of enforcing the State's motor vehicle laws and reducing the number of collisions on
14 North Carolina's 78,000 miles of highways; and

15 Whereas, the officers of the State Highway Patrol have dutifully served the
16 citizens of this State despite the danger they often encounter; and

17 Whereas, more than 50 officers have lost their lives in the line of duty,
18 including George I. Thompson, the first State Highway Patrol officer killed; and

19 Whereas, on the 75th anniversary of the State Highway Patrol, it is important
20 to recognize and acknowledge this organization for its invaluable service to the citizens
21 of North Carolina; Now, therefore,

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

23 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of the members of
24 the State Highway Patrol who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

25 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates the State Highway Patrol
26 on its 75th anniversary and acknowledges those who have served this organization for
27 their dedication and commitment in making North Carolina's highways safe.

28 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.