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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1141

Sponsors: Representatives Blust, G. Martin, Cleveland, and L. Hall (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 23, 2016

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING OUR SERVICE MEMBERS DURING THE
2 OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

3 Whereas, on May 5, 1868, General John Logan, national commander of the Grand
4 Army of the Republic, designated May 30, 1868, as Decoration Day "for the purpose of
5 ...decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country"; and

6 Whereas, over the next few years, various local observances were held in towns
7 throughout the nation; and

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

11 Whereas, in 1968, Congress established Memorial Day as a federal holiday to be
12 observed on the last Monday of May beginning in 1971; and

13 Whereas, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, between 1775 and
14 1991 more than 41,892,120 men and women served in the United States military during times of
15 war, of which over 1,190,000 died during their service; and

16 Whereas, as we observe Memorial Day in 2016, it is important to reflect upon the
17 contributions and selfless sacrifices the men and women of our military have made in upholding
18 the principles of democracy and liberty while in service to our nation; and

19 Whereas, it is especially fitting to honor and commend the North Carolinians, as well
20 as the all men and women that served who were killed in the line of duty; Now, therefore,
21 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

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

24 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of all the veterans
25 who have died since the last Memorial Day.

26 **SECTION 3.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the families of
27 the service members who made the ultimate sacrifice to help secure the freedom of the United
28 States. The people of the State of North Carolina owe a debt of gratitude to these brave service
29 members and solemnly pledge that they shall never be forgotten.

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

