GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2011 RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 2012-4 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1007

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DANIEL LUCAS ELLIOTT, NORTH CAROLINA CITIZEN AND SOLDIER.

Whereas, Daniel "Lucas" Elliott was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, on July 18, 1989, to Patti Elliott and Ed A. Elliott, Jr.; and

Whereas, Lucas showed at an early age a passion for hunting and fishing; and

Whereas, Lucas, by the age of 12, began shooting on a high-powered rifle team in Creedmoor, which led to his development of great skill and the award of medals through the State Games of North Carolina and the National Rifle Association Civilian Marksmanship Program; and

Whereas, Lucas attended Youngsville Elementary School from Kindergarten through 3rd grade, after which he was home-schooled through high school; and

Whereas, Lucas decided to join the military when he was 12 as he watched the destruction of the World Trade Center during the September 11 terrorist attacks; and

Whereas, Lucas was a member of Boy Scout Troop 261, sponsored by the Rolesville Baptist Church, and earned his Eagle Scout designation in January 2007; and

Whereas, Lucas attended Vance-Granville Community College, the Military College of Georgia, and Wake Technical Community College; and

Whereas, Lucas enlisted as a Military Policeman in the United States Army Reserve in January 2007 and completed Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; and

Whereas, upon returning to North Carolina, he was attached to the 200th Military Police Command, 805th Military Police Company, located in Cary, North Carolina; and

Whereas, in 2009 Lucas volunteered for deployment with the 810th MP Company, located in Tampa, Florida, and completed a tour of duty in Iraq; and

Whereas, upon his return from Iraq, he reattached to the 805th MP Company, which was on notice for deployment to Iraq; and

Whereas, when Lucas deployed to Iraq in May 2011, he took the full-size North Carolina flag that he had carried to Iraq on his first deployment; and

Whereas, on July 15, 2011, three days before his 22nd birthday, Specialist Daniel Lucas Elliott was killed in action, supporting Operation New Dawn, when enemy forces attacked his unit in Basrah, Iraq, with an improvised explosive device; and

Whereas, Lucas's platoon commander stated that "Elliott was a superb soldier; he would take the time to help anyone, and you could see it on his face how much he enjoyed teaching someone something new. He loved his family, his country, and he was proud to serve his country. He loved what he did, and we will always respect and honor that"; and

Whereas, Specialist Daniel Lucas Elliott was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Combat Action Badge and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery; and

Whereas, Lucas is survived by his wife; Trisha Elliott, parents Patti Elliott of Youngsville and Ed Elliott of Louisburg; and brother, Brad Elliott of Eatonton, Georgia; Now, therefore,

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



SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Daniel Lucas Elliott and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the service he rendered his community, State, and nation.

SECTION 2. The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Daniel Lucas Elliott.

SECTION 3. The General Assembly of North Carolina wishes to express its appreciation for the service of all North Carolina citizen soldiers, and for their families, for their sacrifices and remarkable contributions to the people of the United States and the world.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Daniel Lucas Elliott.

SECTION 5. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13th day of June, 2012.

- s/ Philip E. Berger President Pro Tempore of the Senate
- s/ Thom Tillis
 Speaker of the House of Representatives