

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2011  
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2012-2  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1033**

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 2012, 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 all of the members of the military from North Carolina who lost their lives while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn since May 25, 2011, as follows:

Chief Special Warfare Operator Christopher G. Campbell, Jacksonville, North Carolina

Captain Shawn P. T. Charles, Hickory, North Carolina

Specialist Junot M. L. Cochilius, Charlotte, North Carolina

Corporal Michael J. Dutcher, Asheville, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Brandon F. Eggleston, Candler, North Carolina

Specialist Daniel L. Elliott, Youngsville, North Carolina

Specialist David Emanuel Hickman, Greensboro, North Carolina

Specialist Patrick L. Lay II, Fletcher, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Christopher P. J. Levy, Ramseur, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Leon H. Lucas Jr., Wilson, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Newman, Shelby, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Nicholas S. O'Brien, Stanley, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Ergin V. Osman, Jacksonville, North Carolina

Specialist Calvin M. Pereda, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Sergeant Colby Lee Richmond, Providence, North Carolina

Sergeant Jeffrey C. S. Sherer, Four Oaks, North Carolina

**SECTION 3.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of all the veterans of past wars who have died since the last Memorial Day.

**SECTION 4.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the families of the service members named above 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 5.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

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Thom Tillis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives