

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2011**

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HOUSE RESOLUTION DRHR50348-LG-128 (05/17)

Sponsors: Representatives Killian, Cleveland (Primary Sponsors); Hall, Horn, Martin, and West.

Referred to:

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

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

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

9 Whereas, in 1971, Congress established Memorial Day as a federal holiday to be
10 observed on the last Monday of May; and

11 Whereas, as we observe Memorial Day in 2011, it is important to reflect upon the
12 contributions and sacrifices the men and women of our Armed Forces have made in upholding
13 the principles of democracy and liberty while in service to our nation; and

14 Whereas, it is fitting to honor and commend the North Carolinians, as well as the
15 men and women that served with military units based in North Carolina, who were killed in the
16 line of duty; Now, therefore,

17 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

18 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives expresses its profound gratitude and
19 appreciation to all the men and women of the United States Armed Forces for their selfless
20 service.

21 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives wishes to honor the memory of all of
22 the members of the military from North Carolina who lost their lives while serving during
23 Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom since May 24, 2010, as follows:

24 Army Pfc. Christopher R. Barton, Concord, North Carolina

25 Army Master Sgt. Jamal H. Bowers, Raleigh, North Carolina

26 Army Spc. Jacob C. Carroll, Clemmons, North Carolina

27 Marine Lance Cpl. Ross S. Carver, Rocky Point, North Carolina

28 Army Staff Sgt. Adam L. Dickmyer, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

29 Army Sgt. Donald R. Edgerton, Murphy, North Carolina

30 Army Spc. Matthew E. George, Grantsboro, North Carolina

31 Army Pfc. James F. McClamrock, Huntersville, North Carolina

32 Army Sgt. Willie A. McLawhorn, Jr., Conway, North Carolina

33 Army Pfc. Amy R. Sinkler, Chadbourn, North Carolina

34 Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Terry L. Varnadore II, Hendersonville, North
35 Carolina

36 Army Pfc. Christian M. Warriner, Mills River, North Carolina.



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

3 **SECTION 4.** The House of Representatives wishes to honor the memory of the
4 following members of the North Carolina National Guard who died since May 24, 2010:

5 Staff Sgt. Christopher Edge

6 Cpt. Kerry Hathcock

7 Sgt. Karen Herrera

8 1st Lt. Kevin Marks

9 Pfc. Mark Rakes

10 Spc. John Pace

11 Staff Sgt. Aldridge Ferrell

12 Spc. Kenneth Carl

13 Sgt. Curtis Yannone

14 **SECTION 5.** The House of Representatives extends its deepest sympathy to the
15 families of the service members named above who made the ultimate sacrifice to help secure
16 the freedom of the United States of America. The people of the State of North Carolina owe a
17 debt to these brave service members and solemnly pledge that they shall never be forgotten.

18 **SECTION 6.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.