

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 169

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February 28, 2013

1 A JOINT 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 2013, it is important to remember and
12 reflect upon the contributions and sacrifices the men and women of our Armed Forces have
13 made in upholding the principles which are the foundation of our democracy and liberty while
14 in service to our nation; and

15 Whereas, it is fitting to honor and commend the North Carolinians, as well as the
16 men and women who served with military units based in North Carolina, who were killed in the
17 line of duty and thus paid the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the freedom which we enjoy; Now,
18 therefore,

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

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

23 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of all of the
24 members of the military from North Carolina who lost their lives while serving during
25 Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn since May
26 25, 2012, as follows:

27 Army Specialist Trevor B. Adkins, Spring Lake, North Carolina

28 Army Staff Sergeant Rayvon Battle, Jr., Rocky Mount, North Carolina

29 Navy Master-at-Arms 2nd Class (EXW) Sean E. Brazas, Greensboro, North Carolina

30 Army Sergeant Thomas J. Butler IV, Wilmington, North Carolina

31 Army Sergeant Jeremy F. Hardison, Maysville, North Carolina

32 Army Corporal Darrion T. Hicks, Raleigh, North Carolina

33 Army Sergeant Donna R. Johnson, Raeford, North Carolina

34 Army Specialist James A. Justice, Grover, North Carolina

35 Marine Corporal Daniel L. Linnabary II, Hubert, North Carolina



1 Army Staff Sergeant Justin C. Marquez, Aberdeen, North Carolina

2 Army Specialist Joshua Nelson, Greenville, North Carolina.

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

5 **SECTION 4.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the families
6 of the service members named above who made the ultimate sacrifice to help secure the
7 freedom of the United States of America. The people of the State of North Carolina owe a debt
8 to these brave service members and solemnly pledge that they shall never be forgotten.

9 **SECTION 5.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.