

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR30485-LG-263A (05/20)**

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Sponsors: Representative Hall.

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Referred to:

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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 2010, 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, the Senate concurring:

18 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly 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 General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of Marine Corps  
22 Captain Seth Mitchell and all of the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who were from North  
23 Carolina or had ties to the State and lost their lives during Operations Iraqi Freedom and  
24 Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan since May 25, 2009.

25 **SECTION 3.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of United States  
26 Navy Lieutenant Paul B. Stam, who served during World War II, and all the veterans of past  
27 wars who have died since the last Memorial Day.

28 **SECTION 4.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of all of our  
29 North Carolina National Guard members who lost their lives while serving on active duty since  
30 May 21, 2009, as follows:

31 Major Jason George

32 Sergeant Paul F. Brooks

33 1st Lieutenant Leevi K. Barnard

34 Sergeant Roger L. Adams

35 Specialist Robert L. Bittiker

36 Sergeant Juan C. Baldeosingh

37 Staff Sergeant Edward C. Kramer



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1 Specialist Felicia Hill.

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

6 **SECTION 6.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.