GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2009 RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 2009-30 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1652

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FALLEN SOLDIERS WHO SERVED OUR NATION IN OPERATIONS IRAQI FREEDOM AND ENDURING FREEDOM.

Whereas, Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, began on May 30, 1868, when General John A. Logan declared the day an occasion to decorate the graves of Civil War soldiers; and

Whereas, by the early 1900s, several states had declared Decoration Day as an official holiday; and

Whereas, after World War I, Decoration Day was expanded to honor service members killed in all of the 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 2009, it is fitting to honor and express profound gratitude to the North Carolinians who were killed in the line of duty during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

Whereas, these courageous individuals should be remembered and honored for their valiant and heroic efforts in protecting the national security interest of the United States and upholding the principles of democracy and freedom; 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 express its profound thanks and to honor the memory of the following Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines who lost their lives during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan since May 26, 2008, and who are from North Carolina or have family ties to the State:

Army Private First Class Theron V. Hobbs, Albany, Georgia, family in Raleigh, North Carolina Army Specialist Joel A. Taylor, Pinetown, North Carolina

Army Staff Sergeant Travis K. Hunsberger, Goshen, Indiana, family in Fayetteville, North Carolina

Army Master Sergeant Shawn E. Simmons, Ashland, Massachusetts, family in Hope Mills, North Carolina

Army Sergeant First Class Jeffrey M. Rada Morales, Narajito, Puerto Rico, family in Fayetteville, North Carolina

Army Sergeant James M. Treber, Imperial Beach, California, family in Fayetteville, North Carolina

Army Master Sergeant Mitchell W. Young, Jonesboro, Georgia, family in Fayetteville, North Carolina

Army Corporal Pruitt A. Rainey, Haw River, North Carolina



Navy Special Warfare Operator First Class Joshua Harris, Lexington, North Carolina

Army Private Michael W. Murdock, Chocowinity, North Carolina

Army Specialist Jason E. VonZerneck, Charlotte, North Carolina

Army Specialist Bradley S. Coleman, Martinsville, Virginia, family in Eden, North Carolina

Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jessie A. Cassada, Hendersonville, North Carolina

Army Sergeant Jason Parsons, Lenoir, North Carolina

Army Staff Sergeant Jeremy E. Bessa, Woodbridge, Illinois, family in Fayetteville, North Carolina

Army Master Sergeant David Hurt, Tucson, Arizona, family in Hope Mills, North Carolina

Army Sergeant Devin C. Poche, Jacksonville, North Carolina

Navy Commander Charles Springle, Wilmington, North Carolina

Army First Lieutenant Leevi K. Barnard, Mount Airy, North Carolina.

SECTION 3. The General Assembly wishes to express its profound thanks and to honor the memory of all who made the ultimate sacrifice during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan between 2001 and 2008, especially the following North Carolinians:

Sergeant Leonard W. Adams, Mooresville, North Carolina

Sergeant Mark P. Adams, Morrisville, North Carolina

Sergeant Kevin D. Akins, Burnsville, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Brian E. Anderson, Durham, North Carolina

Sergeant First Class Henry A. Bacon, Wagram, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Charlie L. Bagwell, Lake Toxaway, North Carolina

Corporal Felipe C. Barbosa, High Point, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Patrick O. Barlow, Greensboro, North Carolina

Major Larry J. Bauguess Jr., Moravian Falls, North Carolina

Specialist Bradley S. Beard, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Sergeant Darry Benson, Winterville, North Carolina

Corporal Mark A. Bibby, Watha, North Carolina

Corporal Joshua C. Blaney, Matthews, North Carolina

Gunnery Sergeant Darrell W. Boatman, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Sergeant Larry R. Bowman, Granite Falls, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Juantrea T. Bradley, Greenville, North Carolina

Specialist Lunsford B. Brown II, Creedmoor, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Benjamin S. Bryan, Lumberton, North Carolina

Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Buehring, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Kenneth J. Butler, Rowan, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Marshall H. Caddy, Nags Head, North Carolina

Corporal Bobby T. Callahan, Jamestown, North Carolina

Specialist Jocelyn L. Carrasquillo, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mitchell K. Carver Jr., Charlotte, North Carolina

Captain Christopher S. Cash, Winterville, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Jessie A. Cassada, Hendersonville, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Kyu H. Chay, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Darrell P. Clay, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Corporal Benny G. Cockerham III, Conover, North Carolina

Specialist Shawn R. Creighton, Windsor, North Carolina

First Lieutenant Joshua Deese, Rowland, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Mike A. Dennie, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Specialist Daniel A. Desens, Jacksonville, North Carolina

Specialist Lance O. Eakes, Apex, North Carolina

Corporal Christopher S. Ebert, Mooresboro, North Carolina

Specialist Phillip C. Edmundson, Wilson, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Nathan R. Elrod, Salisbury, North Carolina

Specialist Steven R. Elrod, Hope Mills, North Carolina

Specialist Ebe F. Emolo, Greensboro, North Carolina

Captain Michael S. Fielder, Holly Springs, North Carolina

Chief Warrant Officer Paul J. Flynn, Whitsett, North Carolina

Specialist Aaron M. Forbes, Oak Island, North Carolina

Specialist Nicholas R. Gibbs, Stokesdale, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Cliff K. Golla, Charlotte, North Carolina

Seaman Sandra S. Grant, Linwood, North Carolina

Private Joseph R. Guerrera, Dunn, North Carolina

Chief Warrant Officer Stanley L. Harriman, Wade, North Carolina

Petty Officer Class Joshua Harris, Lexington, North Carolina

Corporal Kenneth D. Hess, Asheville, North Carolina

Sergeant Anton J. Hiett, Mount Airy, North Carolina

Private First Class Brian L. Holden, Claremont, North Carolina

Specialist Christopher S. Honaker, Havelock, North Carolina

Lance Corporal David B. Houck, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Gregory C. Howman, Charlotte, North Carolina

Corporal Jason I. Huffman, Conover, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Jeriad P. Jacobs, Clayton, North Carolina

Captain William W. Jacobsen Jr., Charlotte, North Carolina

Command Sergeant Major Dennis Jallah Jr., Fayetteville, North Carolina

Specialist Steven R. Jewell, Bridgeton, North Carolina

Specialist Robert T. Johnson, Erwin, North Carolina

Sergeant Courtney T. Johnson, Garner, North Carolina

Private William C. Johnson, Oxford, North Carolina

Specialist Kevin M. Jones, Washington, North Carolina

Sergeant William S. Kinzer Jr., Hendersonville, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Johnathan E. Kirk, Belhaven, North Carolina

Sergeant Elmer C. Krause, Greensboro, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Alan Dinh Lam, Snow Camp, North Carolina

Specialist James I. Lambert III, Raleigh, North Carolina

Specialist George V. Libby, Aberdeen, North Carolina

Corporal Darryl W. Linder, Hickory, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Kevin A. Lucas, Greensboro, North Carolina

Private First Class Adam L. Marion, Mount Airy, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Misael Martinez, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Specialist Montrel S. McArn, Raeford, North Carolina

Sergeant First Class Marvin L. Miller, Dunn, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant William C. Moore, Benson, North Carolina

Private Michael W. Murdock, Chocowinity, North Carolina

Private First Class Shawn M. Murphy, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Sergeant Rodney A. Murray, Ayden, North Carolina

Lance Corporal David S. Parr, Benson, North Carolina

Sergeant David B. Parson, Kannapolis, North Carolina

Specialist Jason R. Parsons, Lenoir, North Carolina

Captain Christopher T. Pate, Hampstead, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Emanuel Pickett, Teachey, North Carolina

Sergeant Devin C. Poche, Jacksonville, North Carolina

Chief Warrant Officer Bruce E. Price, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Corporal Pruitt A. Rainey, Haw River, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Jason C. Ramseyer, Lenoir, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Joseph R. Ray, Asheville, North Carolina

Sergeant Thomas C. Ray II, Weaverville, North Carolina

Sergeant John D. Rode, Pineville, North Carolina

Specialist Michael J. Rodriguez, Sanford, North Carolina

Sergeant Scott C. Rose, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Specialist Ryan D. Russell, Elm City, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Andrew D. Russoli, Greensboro, North Carolina

Sergeant Monta S. Ruth, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Private First Class Enrique C. Sanchez, Garner, North Carolina

Sergeant Leonard D. Simmons, New Bern, North Carolina

Sergeant John M. Smith, Wilmington, North Carolina

Sergeant Roderic A. Solomon, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Specialist Michael K. Spivey, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Sergeant First Class Greg L. Sutton, Spring Lake, North Carolina

Lance Corporal Daniel F. Swaim, Yadkinville, North Carolina

Specialist Joel A. Taylor, Pinetown, North Carolina

Major David G. Taylor, Apex, North Carolina

Specialist Prince K. Teewia, Durham, North Carolina

Sergeant Zachary D. Tellier, Charlotte, North Carolina

Petty Officer Third Class Christopher W. Thompson, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina

Specialist David N. Timmons Jr., Lewisville, North Carolina

Sergeant Michael L. Tosto, Apex, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Eric R. Vick, Spring Hope, North Carolina

Specialist Jason E. von Zerneck, Charlotte, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Michael S. Voss, Aberdeen, North Carolina

Sergeant Gregory L. Wahl, Salisbury, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Laurent J. West, Raleigh, North Carolina

Private First Class Christopher N. White, Southport, North Carolina

Private First Class Joey D. Whitener, Nebo, North Carolina

Sergeant David B. Williams, Tarboro, North Carolina

Sergeant Lee C. Wilson, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Staff Sergeant Romanes L. Woodard, Hertford, North Carolina.

SECTION 4. The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the families of the above named service members 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 6th day of August, 2009.

Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives