

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION DRHR50416-LG-263A (05/26)**

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Sponsors: Representatives Gorman, Eddins, Wainwright, and Warner (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE SERVICEMEN  
2 WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON D-DAY AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION  
3 TO NORTH CAROLINA'S D-DAY VETERANS ON THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
4 OF D-DAY.

5       Whereas, June 6, 2004, marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, the first day the  
6 Allied Forces mostly composed of American, British, and Canadian troops stormed the  
7 beaches of Normandy, France during World War II; and

8       Whereas, this invasion, known as Operation Overlord, was the largest buildup  
9 and movement of servicemen in the history of warfare, involving on the first day of the  
10 operation 5,000 naval vessels, more than 11,000 sorties, and 153,000 members of the  
11 Allied Forces; and

12       Whereas, D-Day was a significant turning point in World War II, leading to  
13 the eventual defeat and downfall of Hitler's army; and

14       Whereas, 6,500 American soldiers, sailors, and airmen lost their lives on  
15 D-Day, some of whom were from North Carolina; and

16       Whereas, the servicemen who participated in D-Day should be commended  
17 and recognized for their bravery and sacrifice while fighting for the freedom of others;  
18 Now, therefore,

19 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

20       **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives wishes to honor the memory of  
21 the soldiers, sailors, and airmen from North Carolina who lost their lives on June 6,  
22 1944, and expresses its appreciation to the veterans of D-Day who are residents of  
23 North Carolina.

24       **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives encourages the people of this  
25 State to participate in all activities honoring the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day.

26       **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.