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Sponsors: Representatives Gorman, Eddins, Wainwright, Warner (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnhart, Fisher, Goodwin, Insko, Luebke, Pate, Steen, and Weiss.

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June 7, 2004

A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE SERVICEMEN WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON D-DAY AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO NORTH CAROLINA'S D-DAY VETERANS ON THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY.

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

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

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

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

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

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

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

SECTION 2. The House of Representatives encourages the people of this State to participate in all activities honoring the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

SECTION 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.