

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR75539-LG-849A\* (05/22)**

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Sponsors: Senators Rand, Kerr and Dannelly.

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING NORTH CAROLINA'S VETERANS DURING  
2 THE OBSERVANCE OF FLAG DAY.

3 Whereas, the United States flag has served as a symbol of pride for all  
4 Americans for more than 200 years and as a uniting force for the country during times  
5 of conflict; and

6 Whereas, thousands of Americans have served under our nation's flag as  
7 members of the armed forces from the Revolutionary War to the Wars in Iraq and  
8 Afghanistan; and

9 Whereas, on August 3, 1949, Congress enacted legislation approving the  
10 national observance of Flag Day on June 14 of each year; and

11 Whereas, as we observe Flag Day, it is important to pay tribute to the men  
12 and women who have bravely risen to the challenge to protect our nation's values; and

13 Whereas, North Carolina is the site of some of the nation's most important  
14 military installations and is currently home to more than 770,000 veterans and 90,000  
15 service men and women serving on active duty, including the National Guard and  
16 Reserves; and

17 Whereas, of the veterans living in North Carolina, more than 568,800 served  
18 in times of war, including over 140,000 in the first Gulf War, 225,000 in the Vietnam  
19 War, 77,600 in the Korean War, and 90,000 in World War II; and

20 Whereas, Medal of Honor recipients living in North Carolina, including  
21 Korean War Veteran Rodolfo P. (Rudy) Hernandez of Fayetteville, and Vietnam  
22 Veterans Walter Joseph (Joe) Marm of Fremont, Robert Martin (Bob) Patterson of  
23 Fayetteville, and Gordon R. Roberts of Fort Bragg exemplify North Carolinians who  
24 have served their country so well and true; and

25 Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of the Medal of  
26 Honor recipients who gave their lives while serving their country, including Harold B.  
27 Durham, Jr. of Rocky Mount, who was killed in 1967 during the Vietnam War; and

1           Whereas, the North Carolina Veterans Council has designated June 14, 2006,  
2 Flag Day, as "Veterans Day at the Legislature" for veterans of North Carolina; and

3           Whereas, on behalf of the State of North Carolina, the General Assembly  
4 wishes to express its gratitude and profound appreciation to the current, retired, and  
5 deceased members of the armed forces for their service to the United States during the  
6 observance of Flag Day; Now, therefore,

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

8           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of the members of  
9 the armed forces who gave their lives in defense of the safety and liberty of the people  
10 of the United States.

11           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly acknowledges and expresses its  
12 profound appreciation and gratitude to all of North Carolina's veterans past and present  
13 for the service they have rendered our nation and our State.

14           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
15 resolution to the living Medal of Honor recipients named in this resolution and to the  
16 family of Harold B. Durham, Jr.

17           **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.