

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2793

Sponsors: Representatives Bryant; and Coates.

Referred to: Rules Suspended, Placed on Calendar Pursuant to Rule 32(a), Passed First, Second, and Third Readings.

June 9, 2008

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMBERS OF THE 1132ND MILITARY
2 POLICE COMPANY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD.

3 Whereas, on June 16, 2007, the 1132nd Military Police Company of the
4 North Carolina National Guard, with armories in Rocky Mount, Tarboro, and Mount
5 Olive, departed for the Army mobilization site at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, prior to
6 deploying to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

7 Whereas, this deployment was the first time that many of the soldiers of the
8 1132nd would be assigned to a combat zone; and

9 Whereas, on September 12, 2007, the 1132nd, augmented by a platoon of
10 soldiers from the New Hampshire National Guard, departed for Kuwait; and

11 Whereas, on September 29, 2007, the unit arrived at its Forward Operating
12 Base (FOB) in Eastern Baghdad, where it fell under the operational control of Task
13 Force 95th Military Police (TF 95th MP), part of the 18th Military Police Brigade; and

14 Whereas, as part of TF 95th MP, the soldiers of the 1132nd teamed with the
15 Iraqi Police Service as Police Transition Teams (PTT), providing training and oversight
16 of Iraqi Police operations; and

17 Whereas, daily operations for the 1132nd included the planning and execution
18 of combined mounted and foot patrol in partnership with Coalition Forces, the Iraqi
19 Army, as well as the Iraqi Police; and

20 Whereas, in February 2008, the 1st Platoon was relocated to a camp about 27
21 kilometers from downtown Baghdad; and

22 Whereas, the platoon operated under the 108th Military Police Company from
23 Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and was assigned to a Police Transition Team mission with
24 responsibility for multiple Iraqi Police stations; and

25 Whereas, throughout their deployment, the soldiers of the 1132nd provided the
26 critical security and law enforcement expertise needed in order to ensure their Iraqi
27 Police counterparts were fully prepared to assume all local law enforcement duties; and

28 Whereas, due to the nature of their assignment, several soldiers of the 1132nd
29 suffered injury, and five soldiers lost their lives in service to their country; and

1 Whereas, Sgt. Lance Oliver Eakes of Apex, North Carolina; Sgt. Thomas
2 Columbus Ray II of Weaverville, North Carolina; Sgt. David Blakeley Williams of
3 Tarboro, North Carolina; Staff Sgt. Emanuel Pickett of Wallace, North Carolina; and
4 Specialist David S. Stelmat, Jr. of Littleton, New Hampshire, were killed in the line of
5 duty; and

6 Whereas, these fallen soldiers should be honored for their valiant and heroic
7 efforts in protecting the national security interest of the United States and upholding the
8 principles of democracy and freedom; and

9 Whereas, as the 1132nd completes its mission and returns to North Carolina, it
10 is important to pay tribute to the soldiers of this unit who bravely rose to the challenge
11 of serving their country, while leaving loved ones behind and putting their careers on
12 hold during their deployment; and

13 Whereas, it is also fitting to recognize the family members of the 1132nd who,
14 while enduring financial hardships and sacrifices, provided continuous support for their
15 loved ones during their deployment; Now, therefore,

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

17 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly expresses its gratitude and profound
18 appreciation to the soldiers of the 1132nd Military Police Company of the North
19 Carolina National Guard for their service during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

20 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly honors the memory of members of the
21 1132nd Military Police Company of the North Carolina National Guard and the New
22 Hampshire National Guard who gave their lives while rendering service to their State
23 and nation and extends its deepest sympathy to their families.

24 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
25 resolution to Captain Leland George Pearson, Commander of the 1132nd Military Police
26 Company of the North Carolina National Guard.

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