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HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION DRHR40705-LG-161B

Sponsors: Representatives Setzer, Howard, Henson, and G. Martin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL AND PAYING
2 TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

3 Whereas, between 1921 and 1929, the number of registered vehicles in North
4 Carolina increased from 150,558 to 503,590; and

5 Whereas, on March 18, 1929, the General Assembly enacted legislation to establish
6 a State Highway Patrol to patrol the State's highways, enforce the motor vehicle laws, and assist
7 the motoring public; and

8 Whereas, the State's first Highway Patrol training school began on May 20, 1929, at
9 Camp Glenn near Morehead City; and

10 Whereas, on July 1, 1929, 37 of the 42 participants who completed the training were
11 sworn in as members of the State Highway Patrol; and

12 Whereas, initially, Patrol officers were issued Harley-Davidson motorcycles,
13 lieutenants were issued Ford Model A Coupes, and the Patrol commander was issued a Buick
14 automobile; and

15 Whereas, in 1937, all Patrol officers were assigned individual vehicles, and the
16 legislature authorized a statewide radio system for the purpose of coordinating operations and
17 improving the efficiency of the Highway Patrol; and

18 Whereas, today, the State Highway Patrol consists of more than 1,600 officers and
19 over 600 civilians; and

20 Whereas, for 89 years, the State Highway Patrol has not only stayed true to its mission
21 of enforcing the State's motor vehicle laws and reducing the number of collisions on North
22 Carolina's 78,000 miles of highways but also handled other duties such as guiding traffic during
23 severe weather conditions and rerouting traffic around hazardous chemical spills; and

24 Whereas, the officers of the State Highway Patrol have dutifully served the citizens
25 of this State despite the danger Patrol officers often encounter; and

26 Whereas, more than 60 officers have lost their lives in the line of duty, including
27 Trooper Samuel N. Bullard, who was killed on May 21, 2018, in a vehicle collision on Interstate
28 77 in Yadkin County during a pursuit. Trooper Bullard was a three-year veteran of the State
29 Highway Patrol and was assigned to Surry County; and

30 Whereas, it is important to recognize and acknowledge the State Highway Patrol for
31 its invaluable service to the citizens of North Carolina; Now, therefore,

32 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

33 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of the members of
34 the State Highway Patrol who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

35 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives acknowledges those who have served
36 the State Highway Patrol for their dedication and commitment in making North Carolina's
37 highways safe.



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SECTION 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.