

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 620

Short Title: Military Spouse Appreciation Day. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Davis, Daniel, and Burgin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 7, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT DESIGNATING MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY IN NORTH
3 CAROLINA.

4 Whereas, the first Military Spouse Appreciation Day was observed on May 23, 1984,
5 as a result of a proclamation issued by President Ronald Reagan; and

6 Whereas, later the Department of Defense declared the Friday before Mother's Day
7 as "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" to show appreciation for the sacrifices of military
8 spouses; and

9 Whereas, in 1999 Congress made Military Spouse Appreciation Day part of National
10 Military Appreciation Month; and

11 Whereas, North Carolina prides itself as being the nation's "Most Military Friendly
12 State"; and

13 Whereas, the citizens of this State should show their appreciation for the role that
14 military spouses play in supporting their significant others while they serve our country by
15 observing Military Spouse Appreciation Day in North Carolina; Now, therefore,
16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
18 section to read:

19 "**§ 103-16. Military Spouse Appreciation Day.**

20 The Friday before Mother's Day in May of each year is designated as Military Spouse
21 Appreciation Day in North Carolina."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

