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HOUSE RESOLUTION 665

Sponsors: Representatives Hastings, Daughtry, West, and Floyd (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 14, 2015

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE STATE'S VETERANS BY EXPRESSING ITS
2 APPRECIATION FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR STATE AND NATION.

3 Whereas, throughout our country's history, generations of men and women have
4 answered the call to leave their families, their jobs, and put their futures and even their lives on
5 the line to valiantly defend our nation and its inalienable rights; and

6 Whereas, our veterans have personally sacrificed so much for the greater good of
7 our nation; some of these brave men and women made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting our
8 country and the freedoms enjoyed by our citizens and all Americans; and

9 Whereas, North Carolina is the location of six major Department of Defense
10 (DOD)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) installations: Coast Guard Station, Elizabeth
11 City; Fort Bragg; Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point; Marine Corps Air Station, New
12 River; Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune; and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base; as well as the
13 North Carolina National Guard and other DOD/DHS activities and organizations; and

14 Whereas, nearly 770,000 veterans live in North Carolina, ranking the State 9th in
15 the nation for the number of veterans; and

16 Whereas, of the veterans who live in the State, over 84,070 are female veterans and
17 more than 90,870 are military retirees; and

18 Whereas, the North Carolina Veterans Council, Inc., has for over 25 years
19 represented the interests of all veterans before the North Carolina General Assembly; and

20 Whereas, the North Carolina Veterans Council, Inc., is composed of representatives
21 of the 11 active veterans organizations, including Military Officers Association of America
22 (MOAA), Fleet Reserve Association, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), American Veterans
23 (AMVETS), American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, Military Order of the Purple
24 Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Marine Corps League, Department of American
25 EX-POW, and the NC ELKS Association, as an ex officio member; and

26 Whereas, the State of North Carolina is committed to the veterans in this State and
27 provides various services and resources, which are all accessible on a Web site maintained by
28 the North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs; and

29 Whereas, the North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs is working in partnership
30 with other State agencies to provide veterans a "one-stop-shop" experience for services,
31 benefits, or support from federal, State, and nonprofit programs; and

32 Whereas, North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs is responsible for overseeing
33 the State Service Office, 21 Veterans Service Centers, four State Veterans Homes, and four
34 State Veterans Cemeteries, one of which is currently under construction; and



1 Whereas, North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs also assists, trains, and
2 accredits county veterans service officers in order to create a coordinated network; and

3 Whereas, the U.S. Veterans Administration and Department of Defense spent a
4 combined \$7.3 billion in North Carolina on veterans, benefits programs, and military retiree
5 pensions during the 2013 fiscal year, including operating 27 VA medical sites throughout the
6 State; and

7 Whereas, the people of North Carolina are grateful and appreciative to all of our
8 veterans for their selfless service to this State and the United States; Now, therefore,

9 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

10 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives expresses its profound gratitude and
11 appreciation to all the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces.

12 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives wishes to honor the memory of all the
13 North Carolinians who gave their lives while serving our country in the United States Armed
14 Forces.

15 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.