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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1294*

Sponsors: Representatives Anderson, Wainwright, Lilley, Grady, Ethridge, Smith, Kerr, and Russell.

Referred to: Rules, Appointments and Calendar.

May 20, 1991

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING COLONEL DAVID W. EBERLY, MAJOR
2 THOMAS EDWARD GRIFFITH, JR., MAJOR JOSEPH J. SMALL, III, AND
3 CAPTAIN RUSSELL A. C. SANBORN, FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR
4 DURING OPERATION DESERT STORM.

5 Whereas, the United States and other allied forces mobilized their armed
6 forces in response to the invasion of Kuwait in Operation Desert Shield during August
7 1990; and

8 Whereas, after economic and other peaceful attempts to end the aggression by
9 the Iraqis in the Middle East failed, the United States and the other allied forces began
10 Operation Desert Storm on January 16, 1991; and

11 Whereas, through the gallant efforts of the ground forces and especially the
12 pilots of the United States Air Force and the United States Marine Corps, the Iraqi
13 military was so vanquished that when ground operations were commenced, the war was
14 won in 100 hours; and

15 Whereas, during war, through enemy action and otherwise, some brave
16 warriors became prisoners of the enemy and had to suffer harsh treatment and privations
17 not demanded of many others;

18 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

19 Section 1. The General Assembly wishes to honor Colonel David W. Eberly
20 and Major Thomas Edward Griffith, Jr. of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base,
21 Goldsboro, Major Joseph J. Small, III of Marine Corps Air Station at New River, and
22 Captain Russell A. C. Sanborn of the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, for

1 surviving their ordeals as prisoners of war and returning safely to a grateful State, and
2 further honors all of the fighting men and women from North Carolina who bravely and
3 faithfully performed their duties in support of worldwide freedom in Operation Desert
4 Storm.

5 Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
6 to the individuals named in Section 1 of this resolution and to the commanding officers
7 of the North Carolina military bases from which men and women were deployed in
8 support of Operation Desert Storm.

9 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.