

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1861

Sponsors: Representative Morris.

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

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY AND SERVICE OF DOG
2 HANDLERS AND VISUAL TRACKERS KILLED DURING THE VIETNAM
3 WAR AND RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MILITARY DOGS DURING
4 THAT WAR.

5 Whereas, since World War II, the United States Military has employed the use
6 of dogs to help ensure the safety of its military personnel; and

7 Whereas, during the Vietnam War, thousands of American families donated
8 their dogs to the military; and

9 Whereas, these dogs were used to walk point, leading the platoons with a
10 handler to scout out such dangers as snipers and bombs; and

11 Whereas, because of the effectiveness of these dogs, bounties were offered on
12 them and their handlers; and

13 Whereas, over 265 dog handlers and visual trackers were killed in action
14 during the Vietnam War; and

15 Whereas, several soldiers assigned to the military dog corps from North
16 Carolina died during the Vietnam War, including: James Boyd of Winston-Salem who
17 died on February 28, 1968; David Schanner of Charlotte who died on May 14, 1969;
18 Kenneth Burlock, Jr. of Jacksonville who died on September 17, 1969; and Jimmy
19 Adams of Fayetteville who died on November 2, 1970; and

20 Whereas, of the 4,000 dogs that served during the Vietnam War, 281 were
21 officially listed as killed in action, 500 died in service, 190 were returned to the United
22 States, and the remainder were left behind in Vietnam; and

1 Whereas, over 10,000 soldiers cared for and formed unique bonds with these
2 dogs; and

3 Whereas, these dogs ought to be recognized for their service; Now, therefore,
4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

5 Section 1. The House of Representatives honors the memory and service of
6 dog handlers and visual trackers killed during the Vietnam War and recognizes the
7 service of military dogs during that war.

8 Section 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
9 to the Vietnam Dog Handler Association.

10 Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.