

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 252**

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Sponsors: Representatives Setzer; Alexander, Barnhart, Blackwood, Brown, Cole, Culp, Dollar, Faison, Folwell, Frye, Gillespie, Glazier, Hackney, Harrison, Johnson, Lewis, Lucas, Luebke, Martin, McGee, Moore, Pate, Preston, Steen, Tucker, Wainwright, Warren, Weiss, Wiley, and Wray.

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

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February 16, 2005

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE  
2 HIGHWAY PATROL AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED  
3 IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

4       Whereas, the General Assembly enacted legislation to establish a State  
5 Highway Patrol on March 18, 1929; and

6       Whereas, the first highway patrol training school began on May 20, 1929, at  
7 Camp Glenn near Morehead City; and

8       Whereas, of the 42 participants that completed the training, 37 were sworn in  
9 as members of the State Highway Patrol on July 1, 1929; and

10       Whereas, the State Highway Patrol currently consists of more than 1,700  
11 uniformed officers and over 490 civilians; and

12       Whereas, for 75 years, the State Highway Patrol has stayed true to its mission  
13 of enforcing the State's motor vehicle laws and reducing the number of collisions on  
14 North Carolina's 78,000 miles of highways; and

15       Whereas, the officers of the State Highway Patrol have dutifully served the  
16 citizens of this State despite the danger they often encounter; and

17       Whereas, more than 50 officers have lost their lives in the line of duty,  
18 including George I. Thompson, the first State Highway Patrol officer killed; and

19       Whereas, on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State Highway Patrol, it is important  
20 to recognize and acknowledge this organization for its invaluable service to the citizens  
21 of North Carolina; Now, therefore,

22 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

23       **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of the members of  
24 the State Highway Patrol who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

25       **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates the State Highway Patrol  
26 on its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and acknowledges those who have served this organization for  
27 their dedication and commitment in making North Carolina's highways safe.

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**SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.