

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR75271-LG-33 (01/31)**

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Sponsors:     Senator Brock.

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Referred to:

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1    A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF COLONEL  
2        THOMAS FEREBEE AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE VETERANS OF WORLD  
3        WAR II ON THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THAT WAR.

4           Whereas, on August 14, 1945, the Japanese government accepted the  
5    provisions of the Potsdam Declaration and agreed to an unconditional surrender of its  
6    military, thus bringing an end to World War II; and

7           Whereas, this historic day is known as VJ Day, and sometimes is referred to  
8    as Victory in the Pacific Day; and

9           Whereas, numerous events have been planned to commemorate this important  
10   anniversary; and

11          Whereas, during this time, it is important to pay tribute to the men and  
12   women who valiantly defended our nation's interest during World War II; and

13          Whereas, of the more than 16 million Americans that served during World  
14   War II, over 395,900 were from North Carolina, including Colonel Thomas Ferebee of  
15   Davie County; and

16          Whereas, Thomas Wilson "Tom" Ferebee was born on November 8, 1918, in  
17   Mocksville, North Carolina; and

18          Whereas, Tom Ferebee joined the United States Army as a young man and  
19   quickly developed outstanding skills as a bombardier; and

20          Whereas, Tom Ferebee was selected to serve as the lead bombardier aboard  
21   the B-29 "Enola Gay" for the Hiroshima mission on August 6, 1945; and

22          Whereas, had it not been for the courageous actions of the soldiers like Tom  
23   Ferebee, the outcome of World War II might have been different; and

24          Whereas, Tom Ferebee, having proudly served his country, died on March  
25   16, 2000; and

26          Whereas, the tremendous sacrifices the World War II veterans made in  
27   liberating millions of people from oppression must never be forgotten; Now, therefore,  
28   Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

1           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Colonel Thomas  
2 Wilson "Tom" Ferebee and the soldiers who died during World War II, and extends its  
3 appreciation to the surviving veterans whose brave and courageous deeds will always be  
4 remembered.

5           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly further urges the citizens of this State  
6 to participate in activities commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War  
7 II.

8           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
9 resolution to the family of Colonel Thomas Wilson Ferebee.

10           **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.