

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1168

Sponsors: Senators Brock; Albertson, Allran, Apodaca, Atwater, Basnight, Berger of Franklin, Berger of Rockingham, Bingham, Blake, Boseman, Brown, Clodfelter, Cowell, Dalton, Dannelly, Dorsett, East, Forrester, Garrou, Garwood, Goodall, Graham, Hagan, Hartsell, Holloman, Horton, Hoyle, Hunt, Jacumin, Jenkins, Kerr, Kinnaird, Lucas, Malone, Nesbitt, Pittenger, Presnell, Purcell, Rand, Shaw, Smith, Snow, Soles, Stevens, Swindell, Thomas, Tillman, Webster, and Weinstein.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

April 7, 2005

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

1 Whereas, Tom Ferebee, having proudly served his country, died on March
2 16, 2000; and

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

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

10 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly further urges the citizens of this State
11 to participate in activities commemorating the 60th anniversary of the end of World War
12 II.

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

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