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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 225
Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee Substitute Adopted 3/20/03**

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF PAST MILITARY
2 LEADERS RICHARD CASWELL, FRANCIS NASH, SAMSON L. FAISON,
3 AND EDSON D. RAFF AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE ARMED
4 SERVICES FIGHTING THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM.

5 Whereas, the State of North Carolina takes great pride in the military
6 personnel stationed at Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base, Camp Lejeune Marine Corps
7 Base, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry
8 Point Naval Aviation Depot, New River Marine Corps Air Station, Elizabeth City Coast
9 Guard Air Station, the Coast Guard Aircraft Repair and Service Center, and Coast
10 Guard Cape Hatteras; and

11 Whereas, the State is also proud of the many North Carolinians who are
12 members of the reserve components of the armed services and of the North Carolina
13 National Guard; and

14 Whereas, as these brave men and women prepare to carry out their missions
15 in the war against terrorism, it is crucial to remember the sacrifices they are undertaking
16 in making our world a safer place; and

17 Whereas, these courageous men and women exemplify the tradition and spirit
18 of North Carolinians who have so bravely served our State in times gone by; and

19 Whereas, Richard Caswell (1727-1789) was a member of the first Continental
20 Congress, a Major General during the Revolutionary War, where he emerged as a hero
21 during the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, and the first Governor of North Carolina;
22 and

23 Whereas, Francis Nash (1742-1777), a close ally of George Washington, was
24 a lawyer, legislator, Clerk of the Superior Court in Hillsborough, North Carolina, and a
25 militia officer who was mortally wounded during the Battle of Germantown; and

26 Whereas, Samson L. Faison (1860-1940), a native of Duplin County, was a
27 Brigadier General in the United States Army during World War I; and

28 Whereas, Edson D. Raff (1907-2003), a pioneering paratrooper of the United
29 States Army, who passed away on March 11, 2003, led the first airborne combat
30 invasion into North Africa during World War II and, in 1954, had members of the

1 Special Forces unit he commanded at Fort Bragg wear green berets to boost morale, and
2 that symbol came to represent pride and bravery and was adopted by all Special Forces
3 units; and

4 Whereas, North Carolina and our nation have been blessed with these and
5 many other men and women who have chosen to defend our freedoms with great valor
6 and patriotism; and

7 Whereas, the General Assembly pledges to continue its support of our troops
8 and their loved ones and encourages the citizens of North Carolina to do the same; Now,
9 therefore,

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

11 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of
12 Richard Caswell, Francis Nash, Samson L. Faison, Edson D. Raff, and all other North
13 Carolina men and women who have so bravely and ably served their State and their
14 nation with honor and dignity so that we might fully enjoy the freedoms granted by the
15 United States and North Carolina Constitutions.

16 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly wishes to express its support for the
17 brave men and women who will soon embark on the war against terrorism, as well as
18 the families and loved ones they will leave behind.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
20 resolution to the commanding officer at each military installation in North Carolina.

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