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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR45177-LG-230 (05/28)

Sponsors: Senator J. Davis (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ZEBULON DOYLE
2 ALLEY, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Zebulon Doyle Alley was born on August 9, 1928, in Sylva, North
4 Carolina, to Doyle Davis Alley and Edith Purcell Alley; and

5 Whereas, Zebulon Doyle Alley attended the public schools of Haywood County,
6 North Carolina, before transferring to Oak Ridge Military Academy; and

7 Whereas, in 1948, Zebulon Doyle Alley joined the United States Army and served
8 until 1950, when he entered the enlisted reserves; and

9 Whereas, Zebulon Doyle Alley was soon called back to active duty when the
10 Korean War broke out and served as a forward observer in the 38th Infantry Regiment. On
11 March 3, 1951, he was involved in an intense battle in which he distinguished himself
12 heroically, risking his own life for his fellow soldiers. He was seriously injured but recovered
13 and was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device for valor and the Purple Heart for his
14 service; and

15 Whereas, Zebulon Doyle Alley returned from the war to complete his undergraduate
16 and legal education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

17 Whereas, Zebulon Doyle Alley was Assistant Director of the Institute of
18 Government of The University of North Carolina, practiced law with former Chief Justice Joe
19 Branch, served as a State attorney to the Federal Land Bank, and practiced law in Waynesville,
20 North Carolina; and

21 Whereas, Zebulon Doyle Alley was elected to the North Carolina Senate in 1971,
22 representing a district that included his hometown of Waynesville; and

23 Whereas, Zebulon Doyle Alley went on to serve the citizens of the State in other
24 capacities including as the Governor's Legislative Liaison, Commissioner on the North
25 Carolina Board of Alcohol Beverage Control, Commissioner on the North Carolina Courts
26 Commission, and Chair of the State Capitol Foundation Board of Directors, among others; and

27 Whereas, Zebulon Doyle Alley had an unmatched career in private practice as a
28 lobbyist, having been ranked No. 1 on the list of most influential lobbyists by the Center for
29 Public Policy Research for 16 consecutive years; and

30 Whereas, Zebulon Doyle Alley's passion was pro bono representation of the State's
31 veterans for over 25 years; and

32 Whereas, Zebulon Doyle Alley passed away on Thursday, July 11, 2013, at the age
33 of 84; and

34 Whereas, Zebulon Doyle Alley is survived by his sons, Doyle D. Alley II and
35 Randall G. Alley; brothers, John H. Alley and Charles P. Alley; and granddaughter, Miranda
36 Alley; Now, therefore,

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



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1 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Zebulon Doyle Alley
2 and expresses appreciation for his life and service to the people of his community and this
3 State.

4 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family of
5 Zebulon Doyle Alley for the loss of a beloved family member.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
7 resolution to the family of Zebulon Doyle Alley.

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