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**SENATE RESOLUTION 1609\***

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Sponsors: Senator Ballance.

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1 A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO DIED  
2 FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM IN SOUTH AFRICA AND TO WELCOME  
3 NELSON MANDELA, A LIVING SYMBOL OF FREEDOM, ON HIS VISIT TO  
4 THE UNITED STATES.

5       Whereas, thousands of men, women, and children have died fighting for  
6 freedom in South Africa; and

7       Whereas, thousands of political prisoners remain imprisoned in South Africa  
8 and thousands of other South Africans remain exiled; and

9       Whereas, although some reforms against apartheid have been made in South  
10 Africa under President Frederik W. de Klerk, most forms of apartheid such as racial  
11 classifications, racially segregated residential areas, impoverished rural homelands,  
12 inferior education systems, poor medical facilities, police raids, and forced relocations  
13 still exist; and

14       Whereas, Nelson Mandela, Deputy President of South Africa's most visible  
15 anti-apartheid organization, the African National Congress (ANC), has emerged as a  
16 symbol for freedom and inspiration not only to black South Africans, but also to all  
17 people worldwide; and

18       Whereas, Nelson Mandela was released from prison after serving more than  
19 27 years for sabotage and conspiracy against the state and has not exhibited any  
20 bitterness towards those who imprisoned him; and

21       Whereas, Nelson Mandela will visit 13 countries in Europe, North America,  
22 and Africa seeking greater sanctions and worldwide support against the South African  
23 government, hoping to establish a "new free, nonracial unitary, and democratic South  
24 African nation", and obtaining monetary support to aid this cause; and

1           Whereas, scheduling would not permit Nelson Mandela to visit North  
2 Carolina, however the Senate wishes to extend him a warm welcome on his visit to the  
3 United States; and

4           Whereas, Nelson Mandela's tour of the United States will include addressing  
5 the joint Houses of Congress and the United Nations General Assembly as well as  
6 visiting Atlanta, Boston, Detroit, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and other cities;

7 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate:

8           Section 1. The Senate wishes to honor the lives and memory of the men and  
9 women who died for freedom in South Africa.

10          Sec. 2. The Senate wishes to extend a warm welcome to Nelson Mandela on  
11 his visit to the United States and recognizes him for his dedication to abolishing  
12 apartheid and improving the lives of his fellow South Africans. The Senate further  
13 urges all North Carolinians to uphold their beliefs in the American principles of  
14 freedom, democracy, and civil rights by opposing apartheid.

15          Sec. 3. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to  
16 Nelson Mandela and to President Frederik W. de Klerk.

17          Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.