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**SENATE RESOLUTION 1609*
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Sponsors: Senator Ballance.

Referred to:

June 26, 1990

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

1 government, hoping to establish a "new free, nonracial unitary, and democratic South
2 African nation", and obtaining monetary support to aid this cause; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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