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Speaker Hackney to pledge House's commitment to military employees

RALEIGH _ Speaker Joe Hackney will meet June 9 with representatives of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve to confirm the House of Representatives' commitment to its military employees.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, or ESGR, is an agency within the Department of Defense that works to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component members and their civilian employers. The group and its 4,200 volunteers recognize outstanding support, increase awareness of the law concerning military leave and resolve conflict through mediation. During the meeting, Speaker Hackney is expected to sign a statement of support for the National Guard and Reserve.

Rep. Grier Martin, one of the lead members of the General Assembly's Joint Military/Veterans Caucus, is among the many reservists who work at the General Assembly.

"ESGR helps strengthen relationships between employers and their National Guard and Reserve employees," Rep. Martin said. "The General Assembly is proud to show our support for this organization."

Maj. Gen. William E. Ingram Jr., Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard, also plans to attend the meeting.

"There are thousands of great employers in our state that support our men and women in the National Guard and Reserve. They contribute in big ways and small and they all are critical in the protection of the state and nation," Gen. Ingram said. "The NC Legislature has been one of these and this signing shows its dedication to North Carolina's citizen soldiers and airmen."

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WHAT: Meeting of Speaker Joe Hackney with Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and Maj. Gen. William E. Ingram Jr.

WHERE: Room 1228, Legislative Building, 16 W. Jones Street, Raleigh

WHEN: 1 p.m., June 9, 2009