

House Resolution 1612

By: Representatives Ealum of the 153rd, Meadows of the 5th, Willard of the 51st, Hitchens of the 161st, Williams of the 168th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the federal government to take extra measures to provide the necessary health care
2 and the additional needs of our veterans and their families who were affected by the
3 contaminated water at Camp Lejeune; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, for 30 years, highly contaminated substances such as fuel and dry cleaning
5 chemicals seeped into the primary water system at the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in
6 North Carolina; and

7 WHEREAS, it took nearly 50 years to discover the contamination; and

8 WHEREAS, in the early 1980s, after discovering evidence of the contaminated drinking
9 water, some water wells were closed; and

10 WHEREAS, the contamination has been linked to at least eight deadly diseases, ranging
11 from leukemia to bladder cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, 900,000 marines were affected by this unseen enemy and many servicemen and
13 servicewomen, along with their loved ones, died as a direct result of the diseases contracted
14 due to the contamination; and

15 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veteran Affairs linked scientific and medical
16 evidence between the exposure to the contaminated water and the eight diseases prevalent
17 in the Marines and their families and is providing \$2 billion in disability benefits to those
18 who contracted medical diseases from the contamination.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body urge the federal government to take extra measures to provide the
21 necessary health care and the additional needs of our veterans and their families who were
22 affected by the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 Secretary of the United States Department of Veteran Affairs and to each member of the
26 Georgia congressional delegation.