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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution honoring the Florida National Guard and  
3 designating March 10, 2015, as "Florida National Guard  
4 Day" in the State of Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, as the military arm of the Governor and the people  
7 of the State of Florida, in times of crisis or emergency, the  
8 Florida National Guard stands ready to immediately respond to a  
9 call from the Governor, and

10 WHEREAS, tracing its roots to the first militia units of  
11 the United States formed in 1565 to protect St. Augustine, the  
12 Florida National Guard boasts approximately 12,000 highly  
13 trained and skilled men and women who serve as soldiers and  
14 airmen in today's modern guard, and

15 WHEREAS, the men and women of the Florida National Guard  
16 and their families willingly make sacrifices during times of  
17 hurricanes, fires, floods, and other natural disasters, and  
18 since the attack on our nation on September 11, 2001, more than  
19 17,200 members have responded to the call of federal active  
20 duty, serving domestically and around the world in contingency  
21 operations, and

22 WHEREAS, in the largest deployment of the National Guard  
23 since World War II, the men and women of the Florida National  
24 Guard responded without reservation, serving with distinction  
25 and honor for Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom,  
26 Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and other

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27 contingencies, affirming the propriety of the recognition they  
28 so richly merit for their faithful and successful service and  
29 for the well-placed trust of the residents of this state, and

30 WHEREAS, employers of the men and women of the Florida  
31 National Guard have made significant sacrifices to conduct  
32 business during their service, while still providing jobs for  
33 those soldiers and airmen when they return home, and

34 WHEREAS, the men and women of the Florida National Guard  
35 are currently involved in hundreds of community service projects  
36 across the state each day while preparing for their federal  
37 duty, upholding the Florida National Guard's mission to provide  
38 military units and personnel ready to support United States  
39 national security objectives; protect life and property;  
40 preserve peace, order, and public safety; and contribute to such  
41 national, state, and local programs that add value to the United  
42 States of America and the State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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44 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
45 Florida:

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47 That in honor of the significant contributions and  
48 consistent readiness of the Florida National Guard and to  
49 gratefully acknowledge the faithful service of its dedicated  
50 soldiers and airmen, March 10, 2015, is designated as "Florida  
51 National Guard Day" in the State of Florida.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be

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53 | presented to Major General Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr., Adjutant  
54 | General of Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments  
55 | expressed herein.