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House Resolution

A resolution commending the Florida National Guard and designating April 15, 1998, as Florida National Guard Day.

WHEREAS, the Florida National Guard is the direct descendant organization of the first Spanish militia companies formed in St. Augustine in 1565, and continues to serve the State of Florida under the Department of Military Affairs and the Adjutant General of Florida as the true and organized militia, and

WHEREAS, during 1997, the Florida National Guard mobilized to state active duty to support the state during Hurricane Danny and during a period of flooding in North Florida and to perform humanitarian relief operations during tornado recovery in Central Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Army National Guard consistently performs in an outstanding manner in United States Army Missions at home and overseas, and the Florida Air National Guard, which provides air defense for the peninsula of Florida and the southeastern United States, recently received an outstanding rating on a United States Air Force operational readiness inspection for the first time in the history of the unit, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the service of the Florida National Guard, which currently has soldiers deployed in Kuwait and airmen serving in Bosnia and Saudi Arabia, by designating April 15, 1998, as Florida National Guard Day in the State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

1 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Florida:

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4 That the House of Representatives expresses its
5 heartfelt gratitude to the Florida National Guard for its true
6 and faithful service to the State of Florida and the United
7 States of America and hereby designates April 15, 1998, as
8 Florida National Guard Day.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
10 be presented to Major General Ronald O. Harrison, Adjutant
11 General of the State of Florida, as a tangible token of the
12 sentiments expressed herein.

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