

By Representative Wiles

## House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the Florida National Guard for its faithful service to the state and nation and designating March 31, 1999, as "Florida National Guard Day."

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

WHEREAS, during 1998, the Florida National Guard mobilized to state active duty three times, lending its unflagging assistance during Tropical Storm Earl and in the resulting flooding in North Florida, battling the wildfires that ravaged the entire state, and providing humanitarian support in South and Central Florida during and in the aftermath of Hurricane Georges, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Army National Guard consistently performs in a superior manner in United States Army missions, both at home and abroad, with soldiers in Latin America, the Caribbean, Kuwait, and Korea, while the Florida Air National Guard provides air defense for the state, as well as for the entire southeastern United States, and currently has airmen serving in Bosnia and Saudi Arabia, and

WHEREAS, the Florida National Guard recently received an outstanding rating following a United States Air Force operational readiness inspection, a first in the history of the unit, and

1           WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Florida National  
2 Guard be recognized for its tireless service to the state and  
3 the nation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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5 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
6 Florida:

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8           That the House of Representatives pauses in its  
9 deliberations to express its appreciation to the Florida  
10 National Guard and to designate March 31, 1999, as "Florida  
11 National Guard Day" in the State of Florida.

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

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