1   House Resolution

2   A resolution honoring the Florida National

3   Guard and designating February 20, 2002, as

4   "Florida National Guard Day."

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6   WHEREAS, the Florida National Guard is the military arm

7 of the Governor and the people of the State of Florida, and

8   WHEREAS, whenever a crisis or an emergency arises, the

9 Florida National Guard stands ready to respond immediately to

10 a call from the Governor, and

11   WHEREAS, the residents of Florida may always rest

12 assured that, when called upon to protect the lives and

13 property of Floridians, the Florida National Guard is alert

14 and ready to respond, prepared to accomplish any task or

15 mission, and

16   WHEREAS, the Florida Air National Guard deployed on

17 September 11, 2001, for Operation Noble Eagle to protect the

18 skies above Florida and are still on duty, and

19   WHEREAS, elements of the 290th Joint Communications

20 Support Squadron deployed to Afghanistan for Operation

21 Enduring Freedom and are still on duty, and

22   WHEREAS, elements of the Florida Army National Guard

23 deployed following the events of September 11, 2001,

24 responding to the national disaster with Operation American

25 Rescue, Operation Safe Sky, and Operation Safe Harbor, and

26   WHEREAS, the Florida National Guard is richly deserving

27 of recognition for its successes in the past and for the

28 readiness of its soldiers and airmen to meet any crisis that

29 may occur in the future, NOW, THEREFORE,

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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 recognizes the true
5 and faithful service of the soldiers and airmen of the Florida
6 National Guard, expresses sincere gratitude for their
7 significant contributions and consistent readiness, and
8 considers it a privilege to designate February 20, 2002, as
9 "Florida National Guard Day."
10   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
11 be presented to Major General Douglas Burnett, Adjutant
12 General of Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments
13 expressed herein.
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