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House Resolution

A resolution honoring the Florida National Guard and designating April 1, 2003, as "Florida National Guard Day."

WHEREAS, the Florida National Guard is the military arm of the Governor and the people of the great State of Florida, and
 WHEREAS, whenever there is a crisis or an emergency, the Florida National Guard stands ready to immediately respond to a call from the Governor, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Air National Guard deployed on September 11, 2001, with Operation Noble Eagle for the purpose of protecting the skies throughout the great State of Florida, and are still on duty, and

WHEREAS, other elements of the Florida National Guard deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom, to the Philippines, and to the Central Command Area of Operation, and are still on duty, and

WHEREAS, elements of the Florida Army National Guard deployed after September 11, 2001, in response to our national disaster with Operation American Rescue, Operation Safe Sky, and Operation Safe Harbor, and

WHEREAS, over 5,000 men and women of the Florida National Guard have deployed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the largest deployment of the Florida National Guard since World War II, and

WHEREAS, that the men and women of the Florida National Guard answered this call without reservation is a testament to the recognition they so richly deserve for their long history of successful and faithful service in the past, and



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31 WHEREAS, just as in the past, the soldiers and airmen of
32 the Florida National Guard stand ready to meet any crisis the
33 future may hold, NOW, THEREFORE,

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35 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
36 Florida:

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38 That the House of Representatives recognizes the true and
39 faithful service of the soldiers and airmen of the Florida
40 National Guard.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives
42 recognizes the significant contributions and consistent
43 readiness of the Florida National Guard by designating April 1,
44 2003, as Florida National Guard Day in the State of Florida.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
46 presented to Major General Douglas Burnett, Adjutant General of
47 Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.