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Senate Resolution No. _____

A resolution honoring and supporting the members of the Florida National Guard and their families.

WHEREAS, the members of the Florida National Guard are continually vigilant and ready to respond when called for war or national emergency, or to protect the residents of Florida when disasters or emergencies occur within this state's borders, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Army and Air National Guard contribute significantly to the defense capability of the United States and are vitally important to our national security, and

WHEREAS, the Florida National Guard members readily accept their role as defenders of our freedoms and rights and continue to meet and exceed all military readiness standards, and

WHEREAS, these citizen-soldiers continue to demonstrate their professionalism, dedication, and skills, as well as their patriotism and love of their country as they mobilize in support of Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the global war on terrorism, and

WHEREAS, the Florida National Guard has to date activated almost 6,000 men and women to serve in the various military operations following the attacks of September 11, 2001, and six members of the Florida National Guard have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that we pause to recognize these Floridians for their professional excellence, their dedicated patriotism, and their exemplary courage, and

1 WHEREAS, we express our sincere gratitude to the
2 families of these soldiers and airmen who endure many
3 hardships as a result of their loved one's courageous service
4 to the nation, and

5 WHEREAS, we express also our great pride and enduring
6 support for our men and women of the Florida National Guard as
7 they respond to the call to duty, NOW, THEREFORE,

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9 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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11 That this legislative body declares its most sincere
12 thanks and heartfelt gratitude to the men and women of the
13 Florida National Guard and to their families and loved ones
14 for their great gift of service and sacrifice, and pays
15 tribute to them on behalf of this state and the people of
16 Florida.

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