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House Resolution

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2 A resolution honoring the Florida National Guard and
3 designating April 26, 2005, as "Florida National Guard
4 Day" in the State of Florida.
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6 WHEREAS, as the military arm of the Governor and the people
7 of the State of Florida, whenever there is a crisis or an
8 emergency at home or abroad, the Florida National Guard stands
9 ready to immediately respond to a call from the Governor, and

10 WHEREAS, tracing its roots to the first militia units of
11 the United States that were formed in 1565 to protect Saint
12 Augustine, the Florida National Guard boasts more 12,000 highly
13 trained and skilled men and women who serve as soldiers and
14 airmen in today's modern guard, and

15 WHEREAS, the men and women of the Florida National Guard
16 and their families willingly make sacrifices during times of
17 hurricanes, fires, floods, and other natural disasters, as well
18 as during wartime, for the protection of their fellow
19 Floridians, and more than 5,400 members have responded to the
20 call to active duty, serving domestically and around the world
21 in the Global War on Terrorism, and

22 WHEREAS, in the largest call-up of the National Guard since
23 World War II, the men and women of the Florida National Guard
24 responded without reservation, serving with distinction and
25 honor for Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, and
26 Operation Iraqi Freedom, truly an affirmation of the propriety
27 of the recognition they so richly merit for their faithful and
28 successful service and for the well-placed trust of the

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29 residents of this state in the preparedness and willingness of
30 these heroic soldiers and airmen to meet any crisis that may
31 occur in the future, NOW, THEREFORE,

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33 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
34 Florida:

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36 That the House of Representatives proudly recognizes the
37 significant contributions and consistent readiness of the
38 Florida National Guard, gratefully acknowledges the faithful
39 service of its dedicated soldiers and airmen, and wholeheartedly
40 designates April 26, 2005, as "Florida National Guard Day" in
41 the State of Florida.

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