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Senate Resolution

A resolution honoring the Florida National Guard and recognizing March 28, 2006, as "Florida National Guard Day" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, the Florida National Guard, as the military arm of the Governor and the people of the great State of Florida, has long stood ready to respond immediately in times of domestic crisis or foreign war, and

WHEREAS, the Florida National Guard traces its roots back to the first militia units of the United States, which were formed in 1565 to protect St. Augustine, and

WHEREAS, more than 12,000 highly trained, skilled, and dedicated men and women currently serve in the Florida National Guard, 5,400 of them on active duty domestically and elsewhere in the world as part of the Global War on Terrorism, including the Florida Guard's 53rd Infantry Brigade, which is deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq, and

WHEREAS, the balance of Florida's National Guard stands in a constant state of readiness to support life and maintain order in the state during natural disasters and other unforeseeable crises, and

WHEREAS, throughout the arduous hurricane seasons of 2004 and 2005, the Florida National Guard demonstrated again and again its vital capabilities and its dedication to the residents of Florida, saving lives, bringing security to devastated areas of the state, and helping people to manage their lives in the midst of chaos, and also went to the aid of the people of a devastated New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina, and

1 WHEREAS, in troubled times such as ours, words cannot
2 convey our pride in the courageous work of the members of the
3 Florida National Guard, nor our gratitude for the sacrifices
4 made by these soldiers and their families, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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8 That the Senate salutes the soldier-citizens of the
9 Florida National Guard for their honorable and selfless
10 service to the people of our state and our country, and
11 recognizes March 28, 2006, as "Florida National Guard Day" in
12 the State of Florida.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
14 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Major
15 General Douglas Burnett, Adjutant General of Florida, as a
16 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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