By Senator Baker

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Senate Resolution

A resolution honoring the Florida National Guard and recognizing March 24, 2009, 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, the residents of Florida can always be assured that, when called to protect their lives and property, the Florida National Guard will respond, prepared to accomplish any task or mission, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Air National Guard deployed on September 11, 2001, for Operation Noble Eagle, protecting the skies over the great State of Florida, and continue to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and

WHEREAS, elements of the Florida Army National Guard also deployed after September 11, 2001, in response to the attack on our nation and continue to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and

WHEREAS, the Florida National Guard is richly deserving of recognition for securing the safety and well-being of the residents of the State of Florida and all Americans, as its soldiers and airmen stand ever ready to meet any future crisis, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Senate celebrates the true and faithful service of

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the soldiers and airmen of the Florida National Guard and the sacrifices of their families, and recognizes March 24, 2009, as "Florida National Guard Day."

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Major General Douglas Burnett, Adjutant General of Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.