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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the Florida National Guard and  
3 designating March 19, 2013, 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, in times of crisis or emergency, the  
8 Florida National Guard stands ready to immediately respond to a  
9 call from the Governor, and

10 WHEREAS, tracing its roots to the first militia units of  
11 the United States formed in 1565 to protect St. Augustine, the  
12 Florida National Guard boasts approximately 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, and more  
18 than 16,500 members have responded to the call of federal active  
19 duty, serving domestically and around the world in contingency  
20 operations, and

21 WHEREAS, in the largest deployment of the National Guard  
22 since World War II, the men and women of the Florida National  
23 Guard responded without reservation, serving with distinction  
24 and honor for Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom,  
25 Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and other  
26 contingencies, affirming the propriety of the recognition they  
27 so richly merit for their faithful and successful service and  
28 for the well-placed trust of the residents of this state, and

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29 WHEREAS, the men and women of the Florida National Guard  
30 are currently involved in hundreds of community service projects  
31 across the state each day while preparing for their federal  
32 duty, upholding the Florida National Guard's mission to provide  
33 military units and personnel ready to support United States  
34 national security objectives; protect life and property;  
35 preserve peace, order, and public safety; and contribute to such  
36 national, state, and local programs that add value to the United  
37 States of America and the State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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39 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
40 Florida:

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42 That in honor of the significant contributions and  
43 consistent readiness of the Florida National Guard and to  
44 gratefully acknowledge the faithful service of its dedicated  
45 soldiers and airmen, March 19, 2013, is designated as "Florida  
46 National Guard Day" in the State of Florida.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
48 presented to Major General Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr., Adjutant  
49 General of Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments  
50 expressed herein.