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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the patriotic service and
3 sacrifice of Florida's active duty military
4 servicemembers, National Guard members, reservists,
5 veterans, and their families.
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7 WHEREAS, Florida is home to more than 56,000 active duty
8 military servicemembers, approximately 12,000 National Guard
9 members, more than 35,000 select reservists, and more than 1.5
10 million veterans, the third largest population of veterans in
11 the United States, and

12 WHEREAS, more than 300 Floridians have made the ultimate
13 sacrifice in the Global War on Terrorism and more than 2,000
14 Floridians have been wounded in action during the Global War on
15 Terrorism, and

16 WHEREAS, 25 Floridians have been awarded the Medal of Honor
17 for gallantry and valor above and beyond the call of duty, and
18 many more Floridians have been awarded medals for heroism and
19 bravery, and

20 WHEREAS, two more brave Floridians will receive the Medal
21 of Honor on March 18, 2014, and

22 WHEREAS, Florida owes a lasting debt of gratitude for all
23 of its current and veteran Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines,
24 Coast Guard members, Merchant Mariners, National Guard members,
25 and Reservists, as well as all of those who have died in the

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26 | service of our nation, that we might continue to enjoy the
27 | liberties we so deeply cherish, and

28 | WHEREAS, a debt of gratitude is also owed to the Gold Star
29 | Families who have lost a loved one who made the ultimate
30 | sacrifice while protecting our country, and

31 | WHEREAS, Florida's active duty military servicemembers,
32 | National Guard members, reservists, veterans, and their families
33 | richly deserve recognition for their patriotism, bravery, and
34 | selfless service, NOW, THEREFORE,

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36 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
37 | Florida:

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39 | That the men and women who answered our nation's call
40 | during times of war and peace are recognized and commended for
41 | their bravery and selflessness, and their families are thanked
42 | for supporting our soldiers while they fought for our freedom
43 | across the world.

44 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
45 | presented to the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the
46 | Department of Military Affairs as a tangible token of the
47 | sentiments expressed herein.