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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing May 21, 2016, as "Armed  
3 Forces Day" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the United States military has steadfastly  
6 protected this nation during times of war and peace since its  
7 inception, and

8 WHEREAS, the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps  
9 were established in 1775 in concurrence with the American  
10 Revolution, followed by the Coast Guard in 1790 and the Air  
11 Force in 1947, and

12 WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces have bravely fought  
13 for and defended the freedom of our country with remarkable  
14 displays of sacrifice and dedication in the American Revolution,  
15 the War of 1812, the Mexican-American War, the Civil War, the  
16 Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War,  
17 the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom,  
18 Operation Enduring Freedom, the Global War on Terrorism, and  
19 countless other campaigns, and

20 WHEREAS, the United States traditionally celebrated Army  
21 Day, Air Force Day, Coast Guard Day, Marine Corps Day, and Navy  
22 Day to honor those who served in each branch until August 31,  
23 1949, when Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the  
24 creation of "Armed Forces Day," combining the separate  
25 recognitions into a single-day celebration for all branches of  
26 the Armed Forces, and

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27 WHEREAS, in his Presidential Proclamation on February 27,  
28 1950, President Harry S. Truman declared that the first Armed  
29 Forces Day would be observed on Saturday, May 20, 1950, stating  
30 that "it is fitting and proper that we devote one day each year  
31 to paying tribute to the Armed Forces as the servants and  
32 protectors of our Nation," and

33 WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day is celebrated annually on the  
34 third Saturday of May as a part of Armed Forces Week, which  
35 begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third  
36 Sunday of May, and

37 WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day honors former and current United  
38 States Armed Forces servicemembers who have kept America safe  
39 and free for over 240 years, NOW, THEREFORE,

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41 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
42 Florida:

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44 That May 21, 2016, is recognized as "Armed Forces Day" in  
45 the State of Florida, and the residents of this state are  
46 encouraged to proudly join with the nation in celebrating the  
47 accomplishments of the United States Armed Forces and honoring  
48 the sacrifice of those who have courageously defended our  
49 freedom and protected our homeland since before the founding of  
50 the republic.