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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing Major General Michael A. Calhoun, the Adjutant General of Florida.

WHEREAS, in 1977, following his graduation from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), Major General Michael A. Calhoun enlisted in the Florida Army National Guard, and served for 6 years, and

WHEREAS, in addition to a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from FAMU, Major General Calhoun holds a Master's of Strategic Studies degree from the United States Army War College, and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Major General Calhoun returned to the Florida Army National Guard after receiving a direct commission and appointment to first lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps, and

WHEREAS, Major General Calhoun held numerous command and staff positions in the Florida National Guard, including Chief of Pharmacy Services, 131st Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Major General Calhoun deployed with the 50th Area Support Group as Director of Host Nations Support during Operation Iraqi Freedom and served as Deputy Commander, Task Force (FL), in Mississippi, during Hurricane Katrina, and

WHEREAS, Major General Calhoun's commands include Company A, 161st Area Support Medical Battalion; the 856th Quartermaster

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26 | Battalion (Water); the 53rd Infantry Brigade's Special Troops
27 | Battalion; the 211th Regiment, Regional Training Institute (RTI-
28 | FL); the 50th Area Support Group; and the 83rd Troop Command,
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30 | WHEREAS, Major General Calhoun was a recipient of the 2008
31 | Department of Defense African American History Month Recognition
32 | Award for his contributions to the Global War on Terrorism, and
33 | was a recipient of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara, and

34 | WHEREAS, Major General Calhoun has been awarded numerous
35 | military decorations throughout his distinguished 36-year
36 | career, and

37 | WHEREAS, Major General Calhoun has facilitated the
38 | Governor's Base Commander Meeting and served on the Florida
39 | Defense Support Task Force and the General Officer Advisory
40 | Councils for the National Guard Counterdrug Program, the
41 | National Guard Youth ChalleNGe, and Theater Security
42 | Cooperation, and

43 | WHEREAS, during his tenure as the first African-American
44 | Adjutant General of Florida, Major General Calhoun has provided
45 | exemplary guidance and leadership during four major hurricanes,
46 | and

47 | WHEREAS, through his tireless energy and commitment, Major
48 | General Calhoun has contributed immeasurably to the readiness
49 | and well-being of the members of the Florida National Guard and
50 | the Department of Military Affairs, and

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51 WHEREAS, Major General Michael A. Calhoun retired on April
52 6, 2019, completing his distinguished 36-year military career
53 NOW, THEREFORE,

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55 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
56 Florida:

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58 That Major General Michael A. Calhoun, the Adjutant General
59 of Florida, is recognized for his outstanding and distinguished
60 military service to Florida and the nation, as well as his great
61 sacrifice in protecting the freedoms that all American citizens
62 enjoy.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
64 presented to Major General Michael A. Calhoun as a tangible
65 token of the sentiments expressed herein.