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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the Florida National Guard and  
3 designating March 3, 2020, as "Florida National Guard  
4 Day."

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6 WHEREAS, as the military arm of the Governor and the people  
7 of the state, in times of crisis or emergency the Florida  
8 National Guard stands ready to immediately respond to a call  
9 from the Governor, and

10 WHEREAS, tracing the roots of its citizen-soldier tradition  
11 to the first militia units formed in 1565 to protect St.  
12 Augustine, the Florida National Guard boasts approximately  
13 11,000 highly trained and skilled men and women who serve as  
14 soldiers and airmen, 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, serving  
18 domestically and around the world in contingency operations, and

19 WHEREAS, more than 21,000 men and women of the Florida  
20 National Guard have answered the call to federal active duty  
21 without reservation in the years following the September 11,  
22 2001, attacks on our nation and have served with distinction and  
23 honor during Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi  
24 Freedom, and Operation New Dawn, and continue to serve in  
25 Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation

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26 Inherent Resolve, and Operation Observant Compass, which  
27 continue to take these dedicated Guardsmen far from their  
28 families and friends while they ensure we are safe at home, and

29 WHEREAS, a number of employers of Florida National Guard  
30 members make significant sacrifices to conduct their businesses  
31 during Florida National Guard deployments and ensure these  
32 soldiers and airmen may return to their jobs upon their return  
33 home, and

34 WHEREAS, the men and women of the Florida National Guard  
35 remain involved in hundreds of community service projects across  
36 the state each day while preparing for their federal duty,  
37 protecting the citizens of this state during emergencies, and  
38 supporting local programs that contribute to the quality of life  
39 we enjoy in this state and the United States of America, NOW,  
40 THEREFORE,

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

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45 That, in honor of the significant contributions and  
46 consistent readiness of the Florida National Guard and in  
47 grateful acknowledgment of the faithful service of its dedicated  
48 soldiers and airmen, March 3, 2020, is designated as "Florida  
49 National Guard Day."

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be

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51 | presented to Major General James O. Eifert, Adjutant General of  
52 | Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.