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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the Florida National Guard and
3 designating March 23, 2021, 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 12,000 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 22,000 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 23, 2021, 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.