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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating August 30, 2024, as "Florida
3 State Guard Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the Florida State Guard was originally established
6 in 1941 to serve and protect the residents of this state while
7 the Florida National Guard was deployed to active duty in World
8 War II, and

9 WHEREAS, the task of the citizen soldiers of the Florida
10 State Guard was to fulfill the National Guard's stateside
11 obligation to protect the homeland, and

12 WHEREAS, the Florida State Guard was reactivated on June
13 14, 2022, for the first time in 75 years, and

14 WHEREAS, on June 30, 2023, the newly formed Florida State
15 Guard graduated its first class of approximately 122 soldiers,
16 making Florida one of 23 states that currently maintain a state
17 guard, and

18 WHEREAS, the mission of the Florida State Guard is to
19 protect and defend the life and property of the people of
20 Florida from all threats to public safety through rapid
21 deployment of ground, maritime, and air capabilities in
22 partnership with state and local agencies, and

23 WHEREAS, the Florida State Guard was called to active duty
24 and deployed throughout the state as Hurricane Idalia approached
25 north Florida in August of 2023, and after the storm made

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26 | landfall near Keaton Beach on August 30, 2023, the members of
27 | the guard launched into action, establishing points of
28 | distribution for essential resources, clearing roadways,
29 | identifying and surveying damages, assisting with recovery
30 | efforts, and distributing thousands of hot meals to those
31 | impacted by the storm's destruction, actions that demonstrated
32 | the willingness to come to the aid of their fellow Floridians in
33 | times of crisis and uncertainty, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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38 | That August 30, 2024, is designated as "Florida State Guard
39 | Day" in the State of Florida.