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House Resolution

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2 A resolution honoring the Florida National Guard and
3 designating January 12, 2016, as "Florida National
4 Guard Day."

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6 WHEREAS, as the military arm of the Governor and the people
7 of the State of Florida, in times of crisis or emergency, the
8 Florida National Guard stands ready to immediately respond to a
9 call 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 in today's modern guard, 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 18,400 men and women of the Florida
20 National Guard have answered the call to federal active duty,
21 without reservation, after the attack on our nation on September
22 11, 2001, and have served with distinction and honor during
23 Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation
24 New Dawn, and continue to serve in Operation Noble Eagle,
25 Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Inherent Resolve,
26 which continue to take these dedicated men and women far from

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27 | their families and friends while they ensure we are safe at
28 | home, and

29 | WHEREAS, employers of the men and women of the Florida
30 | National Guard make significant sacrifices to ensure that these
31 | brave soldiers and airmen can return to their jobs when they
32 | return home from deployment, and

33 | WHEREAS, the men and women of the Florida National Guard
34 | remain involved in hundreds of community service projects across
35 | the state each day while preparing for their federal duty,
36 | protecting the citizens of this state during emergencies, and
37 | contributing to local programs that add value to the United
38 | States of America and the State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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43 | That in honor of the significant contributions and
44 | consistent readiness of the Florida National Guard and to
45 | gratefully acknowledge the faithful service of its dedicated
46 | soldiers and airmen, January 12, 2016, is designated as "Florida
47 | National Guard Day" in the State of Florida.

48 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
49 | presented to Major General Michael A. Calhoun, Adjutant General
50 | of Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed
51 | herein.