

House Resolution 106

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 123rd, Squires of the 78th, Mann of the 5th, Reese of the 85th, Callaway of the 81st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the approximately 13,000 men and women of the Georgia Army and Air
2 National Guard and declaring National Guard Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are approximately 13,000 men and women in the Georgia Army and Air
4 National Guard providing dedicated service to this state and the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, since its inception in 1773, the Georgia militia, now the Georgia National
6 Guard, has had a significant role in the defense of the colony, state, and nation; and

7 WHEREAS, throughout history and in every war that Americans have been called upon to
8 defend our nation's liberties and freedoms, the men and women of the Georgia National
9 Guard have taken up arms to defend this nation, and many have given their lives to secure
10 the freedoms we hold dear today; and

11 WHEREAS, during the past year, Georgia National Guardsmen have been ready when our
12 fellow Georgians needed assistance during hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition, Georgia National Guardsmen performed critical relief missions in
14 war-torn Bosnia and deployed around the globe in "real world" missions that strengthened
15 the security of our nation; and

16 WHEREAS, the National Guard extends a helping hand to local communities through
17 programs like the Youth Challenge Academy, which provides a second chance to many
18 young Georgians; the Counter-drug and Drug Demand Reduction Program, which
19 continuously fights America's "War on Drugs"; and civic action programs that place National
20 Guard resources and know-how at the disposal of local communities; and

21 WHEREAS, the future of the Georgia National Guard rests upon Georgians in uniform who
22 embody the values of Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence in All We Do; and

1 WHEREAS, the Georgia Army and Air National Guard remains a professional, prepared,
2 and highly trained organization, tested by crises, and more than able to respond at home or
3 abroad.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body commend the Georgia National Guard and declare January 30,
6 2001, to be National Guard Day in Georgia.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Major General David
9 Poythress, Adjutant General for the Georgia Department of Defense.