

House Resolution 574

By: Representatives Smith of the 19th and Floyd of the 138th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the tragic passing of members of the Florida Army National Guard and
2 Virginia Air National Guard; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, this nation has a proud history of military participation in both active duty and
4 the National Guard, and National Guardsmen have taken up arms in defense of freedom in
5 every major war and conflict in our nation's history, from the American Revolution to the
6 Persian Gulf War; and

7 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on the men and women of the National
8 Guard who regularly put their personal lives on hold to augment their active duty
9 counterparts around the world with trained, equipped, and ready forces and who are prepared
10 constantly to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States
11 citizens cherish; and

12 WHEREAS, on March 3, 2001, the United States lost 21 of its finest and most distinguished
13 citizens with the tragic deaths of three members of the Florida Army National Guard and 18
14 members of the Virginia Air National Guard when their transport plane crashed in Unadilla,
15 Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, there are simply no words adequate to assuage the anguish which the untimely
17 passing of these patriotic soldiers has caused in the hearts and lives of their families and
18 friends.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body express their deepest and most profound regret at the untimely and
21 tragic passing of the members of the Florida Army National Guard and the Virginia Air
22 National Guard and their utmost appreciation for all men and women of the National Guard
23 who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Adjutant General of the
3 Florida Army National Guard and the Adjutant General of the Virginia Air National Guard.