

## House Resolution 1338

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 104<sup>th</sup>, Warren of the 99<sup>th</sup>, Douglas of the 73<sup>rd</sup>, Heath of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Heckstall of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Post 3, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia's National Guard troops; recognizing March 5, 2004, as "National  
2 Guard Day"; inviting Major General David Poythress to appear before the House of  
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in the past year, more than 4,000 Georgia Army National Guard members have  
5 served on active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism, serving in Iraq,  
6 Afghanistan, Kuwait, and other Middle Eastern locations as well as at military bases across  
7 the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, members of Georgia's 3rd Infantry Detachment were among the first to deploy  
9 into hostile territory, serving alongside their active duty counterparts at the "tip of the spear"  
10 during the ground war in Iraq; and

11 WHEREAS, the 116th Air Control Wing at Robins Air Force Base flew more than 200  
12 combat sorties in the sophisticated Joint STARS aircraft in direct support of ground  
13 operations, providing commanders with valuable real-time battlefield information; and

14 WHEREAS, Kennesaw's 190th Military Police Company and Monroe's 178th Military  
15 Police Company were called to active duty twice in the past two years in support of the war  
16 on terrorism; during its second deployment the 190th conducted operations in Iraq providing  
17 presence patrols and security missions, returning home without loss of life; and

18 WHEREAS, the 165th Airlift Wing from Savannah twice deployed to Southwest Asia to  
19 support Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and during its initial deployment,  
20 at the height of the ground war, flew more than 3,000 sorties supporting operations across  
21 the Middle East and Europe; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Army National Guard's 265th Engineer Group, 878th Engineer  
23 Battalion, 221st Military Intelligence Battalion, 277th Maintenance Company, 1148th

1 Transportation Company, and Company B 161st Medical Battalion have all been called to  
2 active duty and are serving valiantly and proudly in Iraq, Afghanistan, and on other foreign  
3 soils; and

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Air National Guard's 224th Joint Communications Support  
5 Squadron, 283rd Communications Squadron, 165th Air Support Operations Squadron, and  
6 117th Air Control Squadron all deployed citizen-soldiers to fight the Global War on  
7 Terrorism; and

8 WHEREAS, some 1,300 Georgia National Guard members have been called and have served  
9 at military bases across the United States as part of Operation Noble Eagle and are protecting  
10 lives, property, and resources; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia's 4th Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) remains on  
12 24 hour alert to respond to any incident involving the use of weapons of mass destruction;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Guard continues to add value to the State of Georgia and  
15 communities through its Youth Challenge Academy, the STARBASE program, the  
16 Counterdrug Task force, and its ongoing State Partnership with the Republic of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Defense Force, the third leg of the Georgia Department of  
18 Defense, continues to provide trained volunteers to backfill in critical areas for Georgia  
19 Guardsmen called to active duty.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body wholeheartedly commend Georgia's National Guard troops as they  
22 risk and sacrifice their lives for the safety of Americans at home, its citizens abroad, and the  
23 native citizens of foreign countries they protect; recognize March 5, 2004, as "National  
24 Guard Day"; and invite Major General David Poythress to appear before the House of  
25 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia National Guard.