

## Senate Resolution 602

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th, Hill of the 4th, Goggans of the 7th and Hawkins of the 49th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia's National Guard troops; recognizing March 5, 2009, as National  
2 Guard Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

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

5 WHEREAS, throughout history, Americans have been called upon to defend our nation's  
6 liberties and freedoms, and the men and women of the Georgia National Guard have served  
7 with dedication and valor to defend this nation and secure the freedoms we hold dear today;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia Army National Guard members have served on active duty in support  
10 of the Global War on Terrorism, serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and other Middle  
11 Eastern locations as well as at military bases across the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, the members of the Georgia National Guard have been ready when our fellow  
13 Georgians needed assistance during hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods; and

14 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Guard extends a helping hand to local communities  
15 through civic action programs that place Georgia National Guard resources and know-how  
16 at the disposal of local communities; and

17 WHEREAS, the future of the Georgia National Guard rests upon Georgians who embody the  
18 values of "Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do"; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Guard remains a professional, prepared, and highly trained  
20 organization, tested by crises, and more than able to respond at home or abroad; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Guard offers outstanding opportunities for education in  
22 numerous specialties and provides scholarships which enable its members to earn college  
23 degrees; and

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

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 wholeheartedly commend Georgia's National Guard troops as they risk and sacrifice their  
32 lives for the safety of Americans at home, its citizens abroad, and the native citizens of  
33 foreign countries they protect and recognize March 5, 2009, as National Guard Day at the  
34 state capitol.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia National Guard.