

Senate Resolution 876

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia National Guard; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the members of the Georgia National Guard and their families endure great  
3 sacrifice for the safety of this state and its citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Guard members are not only trained for defense purposes  
5 but are also trained in numerous fields, such as public safety, engineering, and advanced  
6 technology platforms; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Army National Guard, the Georgia Air National Guard, and the  
8 Georgia State Defense Force are all part of the Georgia Department of Defense and employ  
9 over 11,000 Army National Guard soldiers, 2,800 Air National Guard airmen, 850 State  
10 Defense Force members, and 460 state employees; and

11 WHEREAS, as of 2010, the 116th Air Control Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard has  
12 flown in support of Coalition Forces in Iraq for 62,000 flight hours and was responsible for  
13 uncovering more than 1,000 IEDs; and

14 WHEREAS, the Georgia Air National Guard delivered 90 tons of cargo to Haiti during relief  
15 operations; and

16 WHEREAS, the Georgia Air National Guard is part of the United States Air Force and has  
17 3,000 airmen and officers assigned to two flying wings and seven geographically separated  
18 units throughout Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Army National Guard is the eighth largest in the nation and  
20 includes combat, combat support, and combat service support units; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia Army National Guard deployed more than 3,200 soldiers in support  
22 of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2009; and

23 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Defense Force is a volunteer unit of the Georgia Department  
24 of Defense, serving in support of the national and state Constitutions under the direction of  
25 the Governor and the adjutant general of Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Defense Force volunteers support and augment the Georgia  
27 National Guard, provide professional skills to the Georgia Department of Defense, and assist  
28 all Georgia communities, as well as providing search and rescue, medical support, and  
29 disaster relief; and

30 WHEREAS, the selfless and heroic actions of the Georgia National Guard stand as a shining  
31 tribute to the strength of the human spirit, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the  
32 outstanding accomplishments of these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be  
33 appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 commend the men and women of the Georgia National Guard for their strength, leadership,  
36 and courage in their willingness to find meaning in something greater than themselves.

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