

## House Resolution 1522

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Coomer of the 14<sup>th</sup>, Yates of the 73<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 22, 2012, as National Guard Day at the capitol and inviting the  
2 Georgia National Guard to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Defense (GA DOD) is a state agency in charge of  
5 coordinating and supervising all agencies and functions of the Georgia National Guard; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Defense is located at the Clay National Guard  
7 Center in Marietta, Georgia, and includes the Georgia Army National Guard, the Georgia Air  
8 National Guard, and the Georgia State Defense Force; and

9 WHEREAS, the GA DOD employs over 11,000 Army National Guard Soldiers, 2,800 Air  
10 National Guard Airmen, 850 State Defense Force members, and 460 state employees; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia's Army National Guard is the eighth largest in the nation with training  
12 in more than 79 hometown armories and regional facilities across the state, and it includes  
13 combat, combat support, and combat service support units; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia's Army National Guard is organized into five major subordinate  
15 commands which are the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of Macon, the 78th Homeland  
16 Response Force at Clay National Guard Center in Marietta, the 78th Aviation Troop  
17 Command at Clay National Guard Center in Marietta, the 560th Battlefield Surveillance  
18 Brigade at Fort Gillem, and the 648th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade at Fort Benning in  
19 Columbus; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia Air National Guard is the air power component of the State of  
21 Georgia with 3,000 airmen and officers assigned to the two flying wings and seven  
22 geographically separated units throughout Georgia, and they play an active role in

23 supporting Georgia's homeland defense posture, providing airlift, engineering, and  
24 communications resources and abilities; and

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

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body commend the men and women of the Georgia National Guard for  
34 their strength, leadership, and courage in their willingness to find meaning in something  
35 greater than themselves; recognize February 22, 2012, as National Guard Day at the capitol;  
36 and invite the Georgia National Guard to be recognized by the House of Representatives at  
37 a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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