

House Resolution 68

By: Representatives Yates of the 73rd, Black of the 174th, Smith of the 70th, Rogers of the 10th, Pezold of the 133rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 29, 2013, as National Guard Day at the capitol and inviting the Georgia
2 National Guard to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Air National Guard is the air power component of the State of
20 Georgia with 3,000 airmen and officers assigned to the two flying wings and seven
21 geographically separated unites throughout Georgia, and they play an active role in
22 supporting Georgia's homeland defense posture, providing airlift, engineering, and
23 communications resources and abilities; and

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

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend the men and women of the Georgia National Guard for
33 their strength, leadership, and courage in their willingness to find meaning in something
34 greater than themselves; recognize January 29, 2013, as National Guard Day at the capitol;
35 and invite the Georgia National Guard to be recognized by the House of Representatives at
36 a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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