

## House Resolution 1237

By: Representatives Bonner of the 73<sup>rd</sup>, Cannon of the 172<sup>nd</sup>, Rice of the 139<sup>th</sup>, Sainz of the 180<sup>th</sup>, and Ballard of the 147<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 11, 2026, as National Guard Day at the capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Defense provides ready and relevant military forces  
4 to Combatant Commanders and provides emergency response capabilities to support  
5 Homeland Defense and Defense Support to Civil Authorities; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Defense is headquartered 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 Georgia Department of Defense consists of more than 11,600 Army  
10 National Guard Soldiers, 2,900 Air National Guard Airmen, 500 State Defense Force  
11 volunteers, and nearly 500 state employees; and

12 WHEREAS, The Georgia's Army National Guard is the sixth largest in the nation, it trains  
13 in nearly 67 hometown armories and regional facilities, in nearly 60 counties across the state,  
14 and includes combat, combat support, and combat service support units; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia's Army National Guard was recognized as the best National Guard  
16 Command by the Association of the United States Army in 2025, and is organized into five  
17 major subordinate commands which are the Macon-based 48th Infantry Brigade Combat  
18 Team; the 648th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, at Fort Benning; and the 78th Troop  
19 Command, 78th Aviation Troop Command, and 201st Regional Support Group at the Clay  
20 National Guard Center in Marietta; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia Air National Guard is the air power component of the State of  
22 Georgia with airmen and officers assigned to the 116th Air Control Wing in Warner Robins,  
23 the 165th Airlift Wing in Savannah, and units throughout Georgia, playing an active role in  
24 supporting combatant commanders and Georgia's homeland defense posture, with 116th and  
25 165th conversions to Remotely Piloted Aircraft - Integration and the new C-130J,  
26 respectively; and

27 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Defense Force is volunteer unit of the Georgia Department  
28 of Defense, serving in support of the National Guard under direction of the Governor and  
29 Adjutant General, notably during Exercise Patriot South, Vigilant Guard, and memorial  
30 services for President Carter; and

31 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Guard has deployed more than 35,000 Soldiers and  
32 Airmen throughout all geographic combatant commands since September 11, 2001;  
33 maintained a steady overseas presence in support of contingency operations, maintained state  
34 partnerships with the Country of Georgia and Republic of Argentina, while training and  
35 preparing to support homeland response missions in the State of Georgia and southeast  
36 United States; and

37 WHEREAS, in 2025, the Georgia National Guard successfully supported missions in support  
38 of the Department of Homeland Security on the southern border, and in the nation's capital  
39 as part of Joint Task Force-DC; and

40 WHEREAS, the selfless actions of the men and women of the Georgia Department of  
41 Defense and its components at home and abroad in 2025 stands as an example of putting  
42 service before self, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments  
43 of these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized.

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
45 the members of this body recognize February 11, 2026, as National Guard at the Capitol and  
46 commend the men and women of the Georgia National Guard for their strength, leadership,  
47 courage and selfless service.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
49 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
50 public and the press.