

## Senate Resolution 939

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Dugan of the 30th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hill of the 4th, Karinshak of the 48th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 25, 2020, as National Guard Day at the state capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Defense provides ready and relevant military forces  
4 to Combatant Commanders to fight our nation's enemies and provides disaster response in  
5 support of 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 consists of 11, 200 Army National Guard soldiers, 2,800  
8 Air National Guard airmen, 500 State Defense Force volunteers, and 600 state employees;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia's Army National Guard is organized into five major subordinate  
11 commands, which are the Macon based 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the 648th  
12 Maneuver Enhancement Brigade at Fort Benning, and the 78th Aviation Troop Command,  
13 201st Regional Support Group, and 78th Troop Command at the Clay National Guard Center  
14 in Marietta; and

15 WHEREAS, the Georgia Air National Guard serves as the air power component of the State  
16 of Georgia with airmen assigned to the 116th Air Control Wing in Warner Robins, the 165th  
17 Airlift Wing in Savannah, and geographically separated units throughout Georgia, including  
18 Savannah's Air Dominance Center, the nation's premier fighter integration training center;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Defense Force is a volunteer unit of the Georgia Department  
21 of Defense, serving under direction of the Governor and the Adjutant General of Georgia to  
22 provide emergency and disaster response; and

23 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Guard celebrated the 25th anniversary of its state  
24 partnership with the Country of Georgia in 2019 and continues to broaden its partnership  
25 with the Republic of Argentina; and

26 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Guard operates one of the most successful Youth  
27 Challenge Academy programs in the United States at campuses at Fort Stewart, Fort Gordon,  
28 and Milledgeville, where more than 17,200 at-risk youth have completed a rigorous 22-week  
29 program in pursuit of their high school or general educational development diploma; and

30 WHEREAS, in 2019, the Georgia National Guard mobilized soldiers and airmen to  
31 Combatant Commands on five continents in support of combat operations and multi-national  
32 exercises while providing personnel and expertise as part of state and regional responses to  
33 emergencies, notably, Hurricane Dorian; and

34 WHEREAS, from the earliest muster of Georgia's colonial militia in 1733 to the present day,  
35 Georgia's citizens have volunteered to defend our state and nation in the Georgia National  
36 Guard, balancing civilian and family interests with a cause greater than themselves, it is  
37 abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these remarkable and  
38 distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
40 commend the men and women of the Georgia National Guard for their resolve and enduring  
41 sacrifices on behalf of a grateful state and nation and do hereby recognize March 25, 2020,  
42 as National Guard Day at the state capitol.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
44 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia  
45 National Guard.