

# House Joint Resolution 49

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

## SUMMARY

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Recognizes May 1, 2005, as day to honor members of Oregon National Guard.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas in 1859 the Oregon Constitution in section 1, Article X, established a state militia for  
3 the defense and protection of the state; and

4 Whereas the Oregon National Guard is composed of 8,200 Oregonians, including 6,100 members  
5 of the Oregon Army National Guard and 2,100 members of the Oregon Air National Guard; and

6 Whereas Oregon National Guard facilities are located throughout Oregon in 38 armories, two  
7 air bases and six major training areas; and

8 Whereas the future of our nation as well as the American way of life depend on this nation's  
9 success at defending itself against its enemies at home and abroad; and

10 Whereas section 8, Article I of the United States Constitution, gives Congress the authority to  
11 call forth the militia; and

12 Whereas more than 4,000 members of the Oregon National Guard, over 67 percent of its total  
13 force, have been mobilized for federal active duty since September 11, 2001; and

14 Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States, including several units of the Oregon National  
15 Guard, have performed heroically in defense of the nation in wars in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

16 Whereas National Guard and Reserve soldiers compose as much as 45 percent of the total  
17 United States military personnel and as much as 40 percent of the troops involved in the current  
18 war on terror, levels of participation unprecedented in recent history; and

19 Whereas Oregon has contributed heavily to the defense of the nation as envisioned by our  
20 founding fathers; and

21 Whereas the people of Oregon wish to display their pride in and appreciation of their Oregon  
22 National Guard; now, therefore,

23 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

24 That we, the members of the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly, honor our Oregon National  
25 Guard for its continuing tradition of heroism and patriotism in service to our nation and urge all  
26 Oregonians to celebrate May 1, 2005, in honor of our Oregon National Guard.

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.