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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the invaluable contributions of war dog teams to  
2 United States military efforts since World War I.

3 WHEREAS, Over the course of our nation's military history,  
4 tens of thousands of war dogs served during World War I, World  
5 War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Bosnia, Iraq and  
6 Afghanistan, and they continue to serve our military missions  
7 around the globe; and

8 WHEREAS, War dogs have a legendary history for bravery on  
9 thousands of foreign battlefields, where they have saved  
10 countless American lives; and

11 WHEREAS, Some military analysts estimate as many as 10,000  
12 United States and allied soldiers were saved during the Vietnam  
13 War alone; and

14 WHEREAS, The casualty rates in all other wars were  
15 significantly reduced by thousands as a result of deploying war  
16 dogs; and

1       WHEREAS, These animals have performed specialty duties as  
2 scout, sentry and tracker and have completed demolition, tunnel,  
3 water patrol, coast guard, search and rescue and explosive  
4 detection missions; and

5       WHEREAS, As highly trained and proficient four-legged  
6 soldiers, marines, airmen and sailors, war dogs have never been  
7 mascots; and

8       WHEREAS, War dogs have worked for food, water and the love  
9 and companionship of their handlers; and

10       WHEREAS, War dogs, like other military heroes, have never  
11 given up on the battlefield; and

12       WHEREAS, Bristol Township erected the Pennsylvania State  
13 Memorial to honor these splendid animal heroes which should be  
14 designated the official war dog memorial; therefore be it

15       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the invaluable  
16 contributions of war dog teams to United States military efforts  
17 since World War I.