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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 658 Session of  
2012

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INTRODUCED BY BENNINGHOFF, AUMENT, BAKER, BARRAR, BRADFORD,  
BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, DEASY, DIGIROLAMO, ELLIS,  
J. EVANS, EVERETT, FARRY, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GERGELY,  
GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL, HACKETT, HARHAI,  
HARHART, HESS, HICKERNELL, HORNAMAN, KAUFFMAN, KILLION,  
KIRKLAND, KORTZ, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANN, MCGEEHAN, MICOZZIE,  
MILLARD, MILLER, MOUL, MURT, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, READSHAW,  
ROCK, SANTONI, SIMMONS, SONNEY, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TOEPEL,  
VEREB, VULAKOVICH AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 2, 2012

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL  
2, 2012

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 13 of each year as "K9 Veterans Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Dogs have been utilized by the United States  
4 military from World War I to present conflicts; and

5 WHEREAS, In current conflicts, dogs are used to assist with  
6 activities involving customs, search and rescue, border patrol,  
7 police and secret service in order to better protect and serve  
8 our country; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States K9 Corps, made possible due to the  
10 Dogs for Defense Project, was established on March 13, 1942; and

11 WHEREAS, Many residents of this Commonwealth actively  
12 participate in and engage in K9 training and operational  
13 activities to assist the United States military and law  
14 enforcement authorities; and

1       WHEREAS, Vietnam War Veteran Joseph J. White pioneered a  
2 nationwide effort to recognize annually on March 13 the  
3 accomplishments and sacrifices of K9 Corps dogs; and

4       WHEREAS, As a result of Mr. White's efforts, in many states  
5 across the country, March 13 is annually recognized as "K9  
6 Veterans Day"; and

7       WHEREAS, K9 dogs have made the ultimate sacrifice by laying  
8 down their lives for their partners in the line of duty and are  
9 valued for their loyalty and devotion; therefore be it

10      RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March  
11 13 of each year as "K9 Veterans Day" in Pennsylvania.