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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating January 26, 1999, as "Service and Therapy Dog  
2 Recognition Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvanians benefit from using  
4 service and therapy dogs; and

5 WHEREAS, Guide dogs enable many Pennsylvanians who are  
6 visually impaired or blind to live a more independent life; and

7 WHEREAS, Hearing dogs, through their highly trained services,  
8 assist Pennsylvanians who are deaf and hearing impaired in  
9 living a better life; and

10 WHEREAS, Assistance dogs help many Pennsylvanians with  
11 visible and invisible disabilities regain their freedom through  
12 the physical skills, emotional support and companionship that  
13 the assistance dogs provide; and

14 WHEREAS, Therapy dogs work in physical, occupational and  
15 psychological rehabilitation and visit many Pennsylvanians in  
16 hospitals, nursing homes, schools, mental health facilities and  
17 hospices, bringing joy and a sense of belonging; and

1       WHEREAS, Many Pennsylvanians will be celebrating January 26,  
2   1999, as a day of recognition for service and therapy dogs;  
3   therefore be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate January  
5   26, 1999, as "Service and Therapy Dog Recognition Day" in  
6   Pennsylvania and urge all Pennsylvanians to recognize and  
7   respect the valuable services provided by these dogs.