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RESOLUTION

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Referred to Committee on

Date _____, 20____

Reported _____, 20____

As Committed-Amended

Recommendation

By Hon. _____

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 13, 2017, as "K9 Veterans and Services Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Throughout the history of this Commonwealth and the
4 nation, thousands of dogs and their handlers, trainers and other
5 helpers have served in the military, law enforcement and various
6 capacities with honor, dignity and valor to protect life,
7 liberty and property; and

8 WHEREAS, To this day, military, law enforcement and other
9 working dogs with their handlers, trainers and other helpers
10 continue to serve on both land and sea with honor, dignity and
11 valor in this Commonwealth, the nation and abroad; and

12 WHEREAS, The official United States K9 Corps was created on
13 March 13, 1942, for service in World War II and beyond; and

14 WHEREAS, Joseph J. White, a retired military working dog
15 handler, established "K9 Veterans Day" on March 13 each year to
16 raise awareness throughout the country and to recognize the
17 important services provided by dogs and their trainers, handlers

1 and other helpers in the military, law enforcement and other
2 various groups to save and protect human life; and

3 WHEREAS, Many residents of this Commonwealth have
4 participated in and continue to actively participate in and
5 engage in K9 training and operational activities to protect
6 lives and property through the military, law enforcement and
7 other various groups; and

8 WHEREAS, K9 services now include dogs and their handlers,
9 trainers and other helpers involved in customs, search and
10 rescue, border patrol, police services, secret service, drug
11 enforcement and many other capacities, all of which deserve
12 recognition as well as military working dogs for saving and
13 protecting our way of life in this Commonwealth and the nation
14 due to the current war on terror and efforts to stop and fight
15 crime; and

16 WHEREAS, The military, law enforcement and many other
17 government agencies and groups have recognized K9 dogs as being
18 loyal, loving, devoted and known for placing themselves in
19 harm's way to make the ultimate sacrifice and lay down their
20 lives for their partners, handlers, trainers and other helpers;
21 therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
23 13, 2017, as "K9 Veterans and Services Day" in Pennsylvania to
24 acknowledge, support and express gratitude for the assistance
25 and security provided by dogs and their trainers, handlers and
26 other helpers in the military, law enforcement and other various
27 services geared toward protecting life and property in this
28 Commonwealth and the nation; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
30 governmental agencies and other groups that have used and

1 continue to use K9 services to make efforts on March 13, 2017,
2 to recognize and appreciate the protection and assistance that
3 such services provide to this Commonwealth and the nation.

