

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 13, 2018, 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 other
6 various capacities with honor, dignity and valor to protect
7 life, liberty and property; and

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

10 WHEREAS, Joseph J. White, a retired military working dog
11 handler, established "K9 Veterans Day," an annual day of
12 recognition on March 13 to raise awareness throughout the
13 country of the important services provided by dogs and their
14 handlers, trainers and other helpers in the military, law
15 enforcement and other various groups; and

16 WHEREAS, Many residents of this Commonwealth participate in
17 working dog training and operational activities to protect lives

1 and property; and

2 WHEREAS, Dogs and their handlers, trainers and other helpers
3 are involved in customs, search and rescue, border patrol,
4 police services, secret service, drug enforcement and many other
5 capacities, all of which deserve recognition; and

6 WHEREAS, Military working dogs save and protect our way of
7 life in this Commonwealth and the nation through their role in
8 the war on terror and other military conflicts; and

9 WHEREAS, The military, law enforcement and many other
10 government agencies and groups have recognized working dogs as
11 being loyal, loving, devoted and known for placing themselves in
12 harm's way to protect their handlers, trainers and other
13 helpers; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
15 13, 2018, as "K9 Veterans and Services Day" in Pennsylvania to
16 acknowledge, support and express gratitude for the laudable
17 services provided by working dogs and their handlers, trainers
18 and other helpers; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
20 governmental agencies and other groups that use working dogs to
21 make efforts on March 13, 2018, to recognize and appreciate the
22 protection and assistance that working dogs provide to this
23 Commonwealth and the nation.