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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 11, 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 11, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 13, 2013, 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 and police and other working  
9 dogs and their handlers, trainers and other helpers continue to  
10 serve on both land and sea with honor, dignity and valor in this  
11 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

1 handler, began an effort some years ago to establish K9 Veterans  
2 Day on March 13 each year as a means to get the entire country  
3 to recognize the important services provided by dogs and their  
4 trainers, handlers and other helpers in the military, law  
5 enforcement and otherwise to save and protect human life; and

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

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

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

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March  
25 13, 2013, as "K9 Veterans and Services Day" in Pennsylvania to  
26 acknowledge, support and express thanks for the assistance and  
27 security provided by dogs and their trainers, handlers and other  
28 helpers in the military, law enforcement and other services  
29 geared toward protecting life and property in this Commonwealth  
30 and the nation; and be it further

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all  
2 governmental agencies and other groups that have and continue to  
3 use K9-type services to make efforts on March 13, 2013, to  
4 recognize and appreciate the protection and assistance that such  
5 services provide to this Commonwealth and the nation in so many  
6 ways.