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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JANUARY 30, 2020

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 30, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 13, 2020, 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 other capacities with honor, dignity and valor to protect life,  
7 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 dogs and their handlers,  
14 trainers and other helpers provide in the military, law  
15 enforcement and various other capacities; and

1       WHEREAS, Many residents of this Commonwealth participate in  
2 working dog training and operational activities to protect lives  
3 and property; and

4       WHEREAS, Dogs and their handlers, trainers and other helpers  
5 are involved in customs, search and rescue, border patrol,  
6 police services, Secret Service and drug enforcement and serve  
7 in many other capacities, all of which deserve recognition; and

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

11       WHEREAS, The military, law enforcement and many other  
12 government agencies and groups recognize working dogs as being  
13 loyal, loving and devoted; and

14       WHEREAS, Working dogs are known for placing themselves in  
15 harm's way to protect their handlers, trainers and other  
16 helpers; therefore be it

17       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March  
18 13, 2020, as "K9 Veterans and Services Day" in Pennsylvania to  
19 acknowledge, support and express gratitude for the laudable  
20 services provided by working dogs and their handlers, trainers  
21 and other helpers; and be it further

22       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all  
23 government agencies and other groups that use working dogs to  
24 make efforts on March 13, 2020, to recognize and appreciate the  
25 protection and assistance working dogs provide to this  
26 Commonwealth and the nation.