

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 124 Session of 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 13, 2015, 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

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

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

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

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

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
26 13, 2015, as "K9 Veterans and Services Day" in Pennsylvania to
27 acknowledge, support and express thanks for the assistance and
28 security provided by dogs and their trainers, handlers and other
29 helpers in the military, law enforcement and other services
30 geared toward protecting life and property in this Commonwealth

1 and the nation; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
3 governmental agencies and other groups that have and continue to
4 use K9 services to make efforts on March 13, 2015, to recognize
5 and appreciate the protection and assistance that such services
6 provide to this Commonwealth and the nation in so many ways.