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Senator Kunze

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Service Dog Awareness Week in Ohio, July 22-
26, 2019.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize July 22-26, 2019, as
Service Dog Awareness Week in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, An old adage says that dogs are man's best friend,
and such a sentiment is readily apparent in the efforts of
numerous service dogs throughout our state. Providing vital
assistance to children, adults, and veterans with disabilities,
service dogs have helped countless Ohioans in their
day-to-day lives, and it is only fitting that we recognize this
week to honor their many important contributions; and

WHEREAS, Fulfilling their myriad duties with diligence and
tenacity, Ohio's service dogs have served our state by operating
as the eyes, ears, or hands for those in need or by being sources
of emotional support for those suffering from a variety of
conditions, and they have helped many live independent lives that
would otherwise seem impossible. Designated by the Ohio General
Assembly in 2016, Service Dog Awareness Week is a justifiable
source of pride and an excellent reflection not only on the
canines and their owners but also on their trainers and the
organizations throughout our state that provide financial support
and raise the younger canines, preparing them for a life of care
and service excellence; and

WHEREAS, The effort and work that goes into training a
service dog is readily apparent in the collaboration between NBC4
and Canine Companions for Independence, who have partnered to
train Buckeye so that he will one day become both an invaluable

resource and a beloved friend for a disabled Ohioan. The 27
dedication of these trainers is, indeed, worthy of the highest 28
praise, for they have helped better our society for countless 29
individuals; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 31
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize 32
July 22-26, 2019, as Service Dog Awareness Week in Ohio; and be it 33
further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 35
authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio. 36