## As Adopted by the Senate

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## Senators Huffman, Wilson

## **A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Officer Jason Keller and K-9 Officer Scout as the recipients of the 2025 NAWEOA Loyal Partner Award.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to Officer Jason Keller and K-9 Officer Scout on receiving the 2025 Loyal Partner Award from the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association; and WHEREAS, Jason Keller is truly worthy of recognition, and 5 congratulations are certainly in order. A state wildlife officer with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife for sixteen years, he has given willingly of his time, energy, and 8 abilities far beyond what was required or expected, and he has 9 partnered with Scout since 2018. Together, they are currently assigned 10 to Warren County and work on the division's search, rescue, and 11 tracking team, and they have been exceptional in the performance of 12 their duties; and 13 WHEREAS, Consistently exercising sound judgment, Jason Keller has 14 been conscientious in discharging his diverse and challenging 15 responsibilities, and he and Scout have been fine ambassadors for 16 their vocation. Being selected for the 2025 Loyal Partner Award is a 17 justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection not only on 18 the two of them but also on their family, their supervisors, their 19 colleagues, their department, and their community; and 20 WHEREAS, Jason Keller's enthusiasm and devotion to duty have 21 earned him the respect and gratitude of his peers and of the community 22

he has so capably served. Indeed, he has pursued his goals in a

painstaking manner, never failing to overcome even the most seemingly

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insurmountable obstacle, and those interested in a career in wildlife	25
enforcement could find no finer example to emulate; therefore be it	26
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General	27
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Officer Jason	28
Keller and K-9 Officer Scout for outstanding accomplishment and salute	29
them as exemplary Ohioans; and be it further	30
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly	31
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Officer Jason Keller and K-9	32
Officer Scout	3: