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**S. R. No. 286**

**Senator Kunze**

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**A RESOLUTION**

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

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize July 22-26, 2019, as 2  
Service Dog Awareness Week in Ohio; and 3

WHEREAS, An old adage says that dogs are man's best friend, 4  
and such a sentiment is readily apparent in the efforts of 5  
numerous service dogs throughout our state. Providing vital 6  
assistance to children, adults, and veterans with disabilities, 7  
service dogs have helped countless Ohioans in their 8  
day-to-day lives, and it is only fitting that we recognize this 9  
week to honor their many important contributions; and 10

WHEREAS, Fulfilling their myriad duties with diligence and 11  
tenacity, Ohio's service dogs have served our state by operating 12  
as the eyes, ears, or hands for those in need or by being sources 13  
of emotional support for those suffering from a variety of 14  
conditions, and they have helped many live independent lives that 15  
would otherwise seem impossible. Designated by the Ohio General 16  
Assembly in 2016, Service Dog Awareness Week is a justifiable 17  
source of pride and an excellent reflection not only on the 18  
canines and their owners but also on their trainers and the 19  
organizations throughout our state that provide financial support 20  
and raise the younger canines, preparing them for a life of care 21  
and service excellence; and 22

WHEREAS, The effort and work that goes into training a 23  
service dog is readily apparent in the collaboration between NBC4 24  
and Canine Companions for Independence, who have partnered to 25  
train Buckeye so that he will one day become both an invaluable 26

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