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Honoring the service and sacrifice of the United States Armed Forces military working dog teams for the part they have played in the Nation's military history.

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Mr. HAYES submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Honoring the service and sacrifice of the United States Armed Forces military working dog teams for the part they have played in the Nation's military history.

Whereas beginning in World War I, the United States Armed Forces have actively recruited, trained, equipped, and deployed tens of thousands of military working dog teams to ensure the safety of United States military and civilian personnel operating under the exigencies of war and peacekeeping operations;

Whereas since World War I, tens of thousands of American families have donated dogs to the Armed Forces in an effort to help protect and save American lives during times of war and peacekeeping missions on foreign soil;

Whereas the tasks that military working dog teams have been trained to perform include scout, water scout, sentry, tracker, messenger, tunnel detector, mine, booby trap and bomb detector, search and rescue, and drug detector;

Whereas during the Vietnam War, bounties were offered for the termination of military working dogs and their handlers because of their effectiveness at detecting enemy infiltrations into United States airfields and base camps, alerting on snipers and ambushes, sniffing out hidden enemy base camps, locating enemy underground tunnel complexes, and finding hidden caches of enemy weapons, food, and medical supplies;

Whereas thousands of military dog handlers and their dogs have been killed or wounded in action;

Whereas dogs have abilities that the most advanced technology cannot match, rendering them invaluable to personnel serving in the Armed Forces;

Whereas dogs have not only helped win battles and save lives, but also have had an enormous beneficial effect upon the mental well-being of those humans with whom they served, sometimes in the severest of battle conditions;

Whereas tens of thousands of additional United States servicemembers would have been killed or wounded in action had it not been for the courageous efforts and sacrifices of military working dog teams; and

Whereas the Armed Forces continue to train, equip, and deploy thousands of military working dog teams in support of United States peacekeeping missions around the world: Now, therefore, be it:

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 the service and sacrifice of the tens of thousands of United

1 States Armed Forces working dog teams that served dur-
2 ing World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the
3 Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, and Bosnia peace-
4 keeping operations and the working dog teams serving
5 during current operations in the Global War on Terrorism.

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