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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 18 through April 25, 2004,
as Military Working Dog Team Week in Florida.

WHEREAS, beginning in World War I, military working dog handlers and their dogs have been a vital part of our Armed Forces operations, from combat missions in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam to their extensive use in the war on drugs, fighting domestic and international terrorism, and the current war on terrorism and homeland security, and

WHEREAS, handlers and their dogs have trained and worked side by side as scout, sentry, tracker, bomb and mine detector, military police, messenger, booby trap, search and rescue, and tunnel teams, and

WHEREAS, the use of the United States military working dog teams has been credited with reducing the American casualty rate in Korea by 60 percent where they were used, and military working dog teams participated in over 80,000 missions in Vietnam and tens of thousands of hours of duty were performed by the sentry dog teams, and

WHEREAS, military working dog teams are still active on military bases across Florida, the United States, and the world, protecting our freedom and keeping us safe, and

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

WHEREAS, Florida is proud to recognize the United States Armed Forces military working dogs and their handlers who, as

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29 | teams, have given of themselves to ensure our continued freedom,
30 | liberty, and American way of life, NOW, THEREFORE,

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32 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
33 | Florida:

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35 | That The House of Representatives of the State of Florida
36 | hereby proclaims April 18 through April 25, 2004, as Military
37 | Working Dog Team Week in Florida, in honor of America's military
38 | working dogs and their handlers, and calls upon our citizens to
39 | recognize the outstanding contributions these soldiers have made
40 | and continue to make in the defense of our great nation.