

By: Representative Duke

HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO DESIGNATE APRIL 30, 2023, AS THERAPY ANIMAL DAY IN
THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Pet Partners is a non-profit organization of volunteers who visit hospitals, schools and other facilities and special events in Arkansas with specially trained animals and handlers to perform animal-assisted therapy and education; and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of Pet Partners therapy animal teams serving in communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners has designated April 30 as National Therapy Animal Day; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners therapy animal teams in the State of Arkansas play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners therapy animal teams make millions of visits per year in settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, and hospices; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our community including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literacy challenges, and those approaching end of life; and



WHEREAS, these exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions bring comfort and healing to those in need,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize April 30, 2023, as Therapy Animal Day in the State of Arkansas.