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**THIRD READING**

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Bill No: SCR 194  
Author: Seyarto (R)  
Introduced: 8/3/26  
Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** Service Dog Appreciation Month

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution proclaims September 2026 as Service Dog Appreciation Month in California.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Service dogs improve various aspects of the quality of life of people with physical or psychiatric disabilities or chronic health conditions, such as their psychosocial health, work- or school-life participation, life satisfaction, independence, and self-esteem.
- 2) Service dogs are trained to perform specific tasks for people in their careers and everyday lives, and they can be trained to retrieve objects, assist with balance, give seizure or diabetic alerts, or assist those with psychiatric disabilities.
- 3) The training and testing to become a service dog is difficult, with only about one-half of the candidates succeeding in meeting the stringent standards. In the United States, over 61,000,000 individuals live with disabilities, yet less than 1 percent have the assistance of service dogs. Despite a significant need, the average wait time to obtain a service dog is about three years.

This resolution expresses that Californians are grateful for the service and dedication these loyal companions provide for their owners and communities.

**Related/Prior Legislation**

SCR 77 (Seyarto, Resolution Chapter 147, Statutes of 2025)

SR 71 (Seyarto, 2024) – Adopted in the Senate.

SCR 60 (Seyarto, Resolution Chapter 159, Statutes of 2023)

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 8/11/26)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 8/11/26)

None received

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