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## **Klein Bill on Service Dogs for Wounded Vets Signed into Law by President Obama**

**Washington, D.C.** - Today, Congressman Ron Klein (FL-22) traveled to the White House to join congressional colleagues and President Obama for a bill signing ceremony. The President signed into the law the Defense Authorization Act of 2010, (H.R. 2647) which includes language authored by Congressman Klein to provide service animals to wounded veterans.

Originally titled the Wounded Warrior K-9 Corps Act, Klein's legislation provides federal support for organizations that train service animals, such as physical therapy dogs and guide dogs, for service members who have been wounded in action. This legislation helps keep America's promise to disabled soldiers and improves veterans' quality of life after their service.

Klein's legislation was inspired by Irwin Stovroff, a South Florida resident and former World War II Prisoner of War, who started an organization to train guide dogs for wounded veterans with funds out of his own pocket.

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Sincerely,  
Ron Klein  
Member of Congress