



1 employees who have served as handlers for these dogs.

2 (b) Any canine working for, or retired from, a state or local  
3 law-enforcement agency or other governmental agency shall be  
4 memorialized by that agency upon its death if the law-enforcement  
5 officer or other agency employee who acted as the canine's handler  
6 so requests. The tribute shall include:

7 (1) A memorial service, which may be a small informal service  
8 within the law-enforcement agency or other governmental agency  
9 where the canine served, or it may be open to the public, at the  
10 discretion of that agency;

11 (2) A plaque and flag to be presented to the canine's most  
12 recent handler as a memorial to the canine for its distinguished  
13 service;

14 (3) A picture of the canine and its most recent handler to be  
15 placed, for an appropriate period of time, on a "wall of honor" at  
16 the law-enforcement agency or other agency which is dedicated for  
17 pictures of canines and their handlers; and

18 (4) An obituary posted in the local news paper in honor of the  
19 fallen canine.

20 (c) The Superintendent of State Police or other appropriate  
21 director of a state agency which utilizes canines in its service,  
22 a county commission or a municipal government may set aside funding  
23 to provide for canine memorial services for those law-enforcement  
24 agencies or other governmental agencies under their direction.

1 Such funding may be dedicated from moneys realized from the seizure  
2 of contraband by law-enforcement agencies or as otherwise  
3 determined by the state agency, county commission or municipal  
4 government.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create "Nitro's Law" to honor fallen law-enforcement canines and other canines in service of state and local government agencies, and to honor their handlers.

§19-20-26 is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.