

### **News Story Summary**

Sully is a service dog trained by America VetDogs, an organization that trains and places service dogs with disabled military veterans. After the death of his wife Barbara, Sully served as the service dog to President George H. W. Bush. The golden retriever made headlines by sitting by the casket of President Bush. The caption of the photo read “mission complete.” Sully also paid his respects while the former president’s body lay in state at the U.S. Capitol. After the holidays, Sully will get a new home at Walter Reid National Military Hospital.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “Sully service dog”.)

### **Focus Attention**

To enhance the discussion about service in the Focus Attention idea, share the story of Sully.

Ask: *What was the appeal of the photo of Sully sitting beside the casket of President Bush? Why does faithful service garner our attention?* Complete the step as written.

### **Challenge**

To supplement the Respond idea under Summarize and Challenge, begin by calling attention to the news story about Sully the service dog. Emphasize that Sully will continue to serve veterans through the Walter Reid Military Hospital programs. Ask: *What is the significance of Sully continuing to serve? How does Sully illustrate the points made in today’s lesson if any?* Continue by leading a discussion about the first questions set under Apply the Text, as suggested.