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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Fort Woof Dog Park in Fort Worth was nominated by  
2 readers of *Dog Fancy* magazine as the number one dog park in the  
3 country, and this popular dog-lover destination is "groomed" to  
4 become even more "doggone" frisky in the coming year; and

5           WHEREAS, Thanks to the "dogged" efforts of many local  
6 citizens, in April 2004 Fort Worth established its first park  
7 dedicated especially to canine recreation; located on a hill  
8 overlooking downtown, this expansive five-acre, off-leash, no-cat  
9 zone includes separate fenced areas for large and small dogs and  
10 plenty of seating for their bipedal pals; moreover, when the  
11 panting overcomes the play, there are drinking fountains for all;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Fort Woof represents a unique partnership between  
14 members of the community and the City of Fort Worth, as park  
15 advocates raise money to help defray operating costs; while city  
16 employees keep it looking "fetching," members of the Fort Worth Dog  
17 Park Association host the annual Barktoberfest and other  
18 fund-raising activities, and in two years, they have contributed  
19 more than \$25,000 to the beloved running ground that attracts  
20 hundreds of people and pooches daily; and

21           WHEREAS, For being among the top 10 dog parks chosen, Fort  
22 Woof will receive a grant for \$2,500 from Novartis Animal Health and  
23 Deramaxx to make improvements that the dogs are sure to "dig"; and

24           WHEREAS, With the development of this superior park, Fort

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1 Worth has thrown its dog lovers and their four-legged friends a  
2 meaty bone indeed, and it is a pleasure to recognize the Fort Woof  
3 Dog Park for this outstanding achievement; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Fort Woof Dog Park on  
6 being named the number one dog park in the United States and  
7 recognize April 29, 2006, as Fort Woof Dog Park Day.