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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dogs play an important role in the lives of many
2 Texas citizens by serving as companions, therapy dogs, and
3 assistance dogs; and

4 WHEREAS, While dogs contribute to the well-being of many
5 Texans, concern about pet bites and animal trespassing is on the
6 rise, and it is recognized that dog-related problems are most often
7 caused by irresponsible owners; and

8 WHEREAS, The Canine Good Citizen program was developed by the
9 American Kennel Club to help owners train their dogs to exhibit
10 "good citizen" behaviors in the presence of other people and
11 animals, both at home and in public; dogs and their owners
12 participate in CGC classes and educational events through such
13 groups as PAWS, a national organization with Texas volunteers; and

14 WHEREAS, Training together helps to build a closer bond
15 between a dog and its owner, and both dogs and owners benefit
16 greatly when dogs understand and reliably demonstrate acceptable
17 behavior; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
19 Legislature hereby endorse the American Kennel Club Canine Good
20 Citizen program, encourage dog trainers and kennel clubs to provide
21 the training in their communities, and urge all Texans who own dogs
22 to take advantage of this outstanding resource.