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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The acclaimed beagle Uno has become a popular
2 goodwill ambassador for the Lone Star State since winning the best
3 in show title at the 2008 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, and he
4 is visiting the State Capitol on this day, April 8, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, This charismatic hound electrified canine
6 enthusiasts on February 12, 2008, with his monumental Westminster
7 victory at Madison Square Garden in New York City, becoming the
8 first beagle ever to win best in show; it was the 33rd such title in
9 his stellar career, and also his last, as he retired from
10 competition after reaching the pinnacle of success; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition to wowing judges, Uno has also proven to
12 be a fan favorite, endearing himself to many with his cheerful
13 barking and enthusiastic disposition and becoming one of the most
14 beloved Westminster best-in-show champions in the century since the
15 title was first awarded; and

16 WHEREAS, A resident of Central Texas, Uno lives outside of
17 Austin with his owner, Caroline Dowell, though he has spent little
18 time at home since winning one of the most famous dog shows in the
19 world; this four-legged jet-setter has traveled the country,
20 meeting with President George W. Bush, riding in the Macy's
21 Thanksgiving Day Parade, and fetching the first pitch at a major
22 league baseball game, among numerous other appearances; and

23 WHEREAS, Now that his yearlong reign as Westminster champion
24 has drawn to a close, Uno will be able to enjoy a more relaxed pace,

1 and he's said to be thinking about getting back to such favorite
2 pastimes as chasing squirrels, kicking back with a few good bones,
3 and generally living the good life; whatever the future holds, he
4 has had an outstanding career as a show dog and has surely enjoyed
5 the widespread admiration of dog lovers everywhere; now, therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor Uno for winning the best in show title at
9 the 2008 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and congratulate Caroline
10 Dowell on her howling success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for this title-winning beagle and his owner as an
13 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.