

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 837

WHEREAS, The acclaimed beagle Uno has become a popular goodwill ambassador for the Lone Star State since winning the best in show title at the 2008 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Now that his yearlong reign as Westminster champion has drawn to a close, Uno will be able to enjoy a more relaxed pace, and he's said to be thinking about getting back to such favorite pastimes as chasing squirrels, kicking back with a

few good bones, and generally living the good life; whatever the future holds, he has had an outstanding career as a show dog and has surely enjoyed the widespread admiration of dog lovers everywhere; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for this title-winning beagle and his owner as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

Carona, Watson, Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 6, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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