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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Advocates for responsible pet care are gathering in
2 Austin on February 24, 2011, to participate in Responsible Pet
3 Owners Alliance Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Pets play an important role in the lives of many
5 Texans, and they are more than just adorable balls of fur--they are
6 living, breathing prescriptions for what often ails us; their joy
7 and spirit encourage us, and their mere presence as silent,
8 understanding companions comforts us and chases the blues away; our
9 pets run, walk, crawl, slither, and fly into our hearts, and, in
10 doing so, they improve our physical and mental well-being; and

11 WHEREAS, The Responsible Pet Owners Alliance was founded in
12 1992 to develop solutions for pet-related problems and to alleviate
13 the need for so many animals to be left at shelters; the group works
14 to improve the quality of life for pets and people by educating
15 individuals about animal behavior and health and by preparing them
16 for the commitment involved in pet ownership; and

17 WHEREAS, To advance its mission, the Responsible Pet Owners
18 Alliance collaborates with other animal-support organizations on
19 the Pet Education, Assistance, and Rescue Program, which includes
20 rescue and adoption services, counseling for owners who are
21 considering giving up their pets, and a telephone hotline for
22 assistance with any animal-related issues; moreover, the program
23 sponsors Paws for Service, an initiative in which teams of dogs and
24 their owners visit hospitals and nursing homes, bringing joy and

1 comfort to the patients; and

2 WHEREAS, The Responsible Pet Owners Alliance is affiliated
3 with the American Kennel Club and the Southwest Texas Animal Care
4 and Control Association; it endorses the AKC Canine Good Citizen
5 Program as a method for developing well-trained dogs and promoting
6 responsible ownership; and

7 WHEREAS, Well-behaved pets are not born but are the result of
8 care, attention, and training, and in return, our pets give us a
9 lifetime of devotion and companionship; the Responsible Pet Owners
10 Alliance works hard to ensure that this special bond between pet
11 owners and their animals is strengthened and protected; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize February 24, 2011, as Responsible Pet
15 Owners Alliance Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those
16 associated with the alliance sincere best wishes for continued
17 success; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.