

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 426

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize February 24, 2011, as Responsible Pet Owners Alliance Lobby Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The Responsible Pet Owners Alliance is known for its valuable efforts to promote responsible pet ownership through education and training assistance; in attendance at the Capitol on this day as their mascot is the acclaimed Beagle "Uno," who won the Best in Show title at the 2008 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show; and

WHEREAS, Pets play an important role in the lives of many residents in the State of Texas; more than cute balls of fur, they are living, breathing prescriptions for what often ails people; their joy and spirit encourages those around them, and their companionship comforts their owners and can chase the blues away; and

WHEREAS, Big or little, all kinds of pets run, walk, crawl, slither, and fly their way into their owners' hearts, and in doing so, they bring about improved physical and mental well-being in ways nothing else can; and

WHEREAS, Well-behaved pets are not born; they are the result of care, attention, and training; in return for all these things, pets give their families a lifetime of devotion and companionship; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that dog-related problems are most often caused by irresponsible owners; both dogs and owners benefit greatly when dogs understand and reliably demonstrate acceptable behavior, which can be learned and verified through such programs as the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Certification Program and the Pet Education, Assistance, and All-Species Rescue Program of the Responsible Pet Owners Alliance and the American Kennel Club in Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend all the responsible pet owners of this state and recognize February 24, 2011, as Responsible Pet Owners Alliance Lobby Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this day.

Carona

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 2, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate