

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 443

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize March 13, 2013, 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 in Texas through education, its Pet Care Hotline, and its training assistance; and

WHEREAS, The acclaimed Beagle American Kennel Club Champion K-Run's Park Me In First, known to the world as "Uno," who won the Best in Show title at the 2008 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and who often functions as a therapy dog and as a celebrity representative for Angel On a Leash, a charity of the Westminster Kennel Club, serves as the official mascot of the Responsible Pet Owners Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Large or small, 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 that way; 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 not always 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, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend all the responsible pet owners of this state and recognize March 13, 2013, 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.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 11, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate