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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Since its inception, K9s4COPS has provided generous
2 support to Texas law enforcement, and the organization is
3 celebrating its fourth anniversary in March 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Most police departments and similar agencies
5 operate under tight budget constraints, and trained police dogs can
6 cost as much as \$15,000; Houston resident Kristi Hoss Schiller
7 founded K9s4COPS in 2010 to donate K9s to law enforcement, and the
8 following year, the group gave four dogs to the Harris County
9 Sheriff's Office; and

10 WHEREAS, The group also works to raise awareness of the
11 accomplishments of K9s and their handlers, and Ms. Schiller
12 expanded the initiative in 2013 with the establishment of K9s4KIDS,
13 which offers K9s to school districts and college campuses; and

14 WHEREAS, This noteworthy organization has provided state
15 agencies with 100 trained dogs over the past four years, and the K9s
16 have helped capture hundreds of criminals and intercept more than
17 \$70 million in contraband, including guns, explosives, narcotics,
18 and cash; and

19 WHEREAS, Through its notable endeavors, K9s4COPS has helped
20 many law enforcement agencies more effectively serve and protect
21 the citizens of Texas; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize March 26, 2015, as K9s4COPS Day at the
24 State Capitol and commend everyone associated with the group for

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1 their contributions to public safety; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

3 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the

4 Texas House of Representatives.