

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 605

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize March 26, 2015, as K9s4COPS Day at the State Capitol and commend everyone associated with the group for their contributions to public safety; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Huffman

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on April 29, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate