

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2003-4605, by Representatives Armstrong, Condotta, Alexander, Bailey, Chandler, Jarrett, McDonald, Sump, Pearson, Cox, Benson, Miloscia, Hinkle, Mastin, Hunt, Boldt, McMahan, Buck, Murray, Cooper, Simpson, Ericksen, Bush, Haigh, Kagi, Romero, Linville, Hudgins, O'Brien, Hankins, Sehlin, Newhouse, Priest, Anderson, Flannigan, Talcott, Mielke, Wood, Conway, Tom, Schoesler, Orcutt, Rockefeller, Ahern, Pflug, Hatfield, Morrell, Cairnes, Veloria and Delvin

WHEREAS, Dogs play an important role in the lives of many Washingtonians by serving as companions and assistance animals; and

WHEREAS, Most "bad dog" problems are the result of irresponsible ownership and the large numbers of dog bites each year reveal the need for dogs to be well-behaved and for people to raise dogs to behave in a responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, Responsible dog ownership is encouraged in this state and responsible dog owners should provide proper care, affection, training, and confinement for their dogs; and

WHEREAS, 4-H supported American Kennel Club "Canine Good Citizen" programs were developed to teach dog owners that their dogs should exhibit functional, responsible behaviors in the presence of people and other animals; and

WHEREAS, 4-H supported American Kennel Club "Canine Good Citizen" programs identify and officially recognize those dogs that have a practice and reputation of good behavior within their homes and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the 4-H supported American Kennel Club "Canine Good Citizen" program for its contributions to promoting responsible dog ownership and honoring dogs who are "Good Citizens" within their communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Pat Putnam, the American Kennel Club "Canine Good Citizen" programs coordinator for 4-H.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4605 adopted by the House of Representatives
January 23, 2003

Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk