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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Dogs play an important role in the lives of many
3 Illinois citizens by serving as companions, therapy dogs, and
4 assistance dogs; and

5 WHEREAS, It is recognized that dog-related problems are
6 most often caused by irresponsible owners; and

7 WHEREAS, Responsible dog ownership is encouraged in
8 Illinois and responsible owners should properly control and
9 provide adequate training for their dogs; and

10 WHEREAS, Canine Good Citizen programs identify and
11 officially recognize those dogs who behave as members in good
12 standing with the community; and

13 WHEREAS, The "Canine Good Citizen Program", developed by
14 the American Kennel Club, teaches pet owners that dogs should
15 exhibit "good citizen" behaviors in the presence of other
16 people and animals, in both the home and community; and

17 WHEREAS, Children and adults of all ages participate in
18 Canine Good Citizen classes to learn the skills involved in
19 responsible dog ownership; and

1 WHEREAS, With dog bites and animal concerns on the rise,
2 there is a need for dogs to remain well-behaved community
3 members; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 endorse the American Kennel Club's "Canine Good Citizen
7 Program" and support its efforts to promote responsible dog
8 ownership in the State of Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the American Kennel Club as a symbol of our
11 respect and esteem.