

SOUTH CAROLINA

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO ENCOURAGE DOG TRAINING PROGRAMS AND KENNEL CLUBS TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITY PET OWNERS THAT RESULT IN DOGS BEING "CANINE GOOD CITIZENS" AND TO EXPRESS THE SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.



Whereas, dogs play an important role in the lives of many South Carolina citizens by serving as companions, assistance, and therapy dogs; and

Whereas, it is recognized that dog-related problems are most often caused by irresponsible owners; and

Whereas, responsible dog ownership is encouraged in South Carolina and responsible dog owners should properly control and provide adequate training for their dogs; and

Whereas, "Canine Good Citizen" programs identify and officially recognize those dogs who behave as members in good standing with the community; and

Whereas, the AKC Canine Good Citizen Program which was developed by the American Kennel Club teaches pet owners that dogs should exhibit "good citizen" behavior in the presence of other people and animals, in both the home and the community; and

Whereas, with pet bites and animal trespassing concerns on the rise, there is a real need for dogs to remain well-behaved community members. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, encourage dog training programs and kennel clubs to provide training and education for community pet owners that result in dogs being "Canine Good Citizens" and express their support for the American Kennel Club's efforts to promote responsible dog ownership in the State of South Carolina.

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