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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING KENNEL CLUBS, DOG TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND THE HUMANE SOCIETIES OF HAWAII TO PROVIDE RESPONSIBLE TRAINING AND EDUCATION TO PET OWNERS AND TO PROMOTE THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB'S CANINE GOOD CITIZEN PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, dogs play an important role in the lives of many  
2 Hawaii citizens by serving as companions and assistance and  
3 therapy dogs; and  
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5           WHEREAS, it is recognized that dog-related problems are  
6 most often caused by irresponsible owners; and  
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8           WHEREAS, responsible ownership is encouraged in Hawaii and  
9 responsible dog owners should properly control and provide  
10 adequate training for their dogs; and  
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12           WHEREAS, with an increasing number of animal trespassing  
13 concerns and pet bites on the rise, there is a need for dogs to  
14 remain well-behaved in the community; and  
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16           WHEREAS, the American Kennel Club, through its Canine Good  
17 Citizen program, teaches pet owners that dogs should exhibit  
18 "good citizen" behaviors in the presence of other people and  
19 animals, in both the home and the community; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the Canine Good Citizen program identifies and  
22 officially recognizes those dogs who have passed a two-part test  
23 and behave as members in good standing with the community; and  
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25           WHEREAS, twenty-two states and the United States Senate  
26 have passed resolutions encouraging and supporting the Canine  
27 Good Citizen Program; now, therefore,  
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29           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
31 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that kennel clubs, dog training



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1 programs, and the Humane Society of each county are encouraged  
2 to provide training and education to pet owners to promote the  
3 American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Program; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President and Chief  
7 Executive Officer of the American Kennel Club and to the  
8 Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Humane Society, for  
9 each county.  
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