
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

HONORING THE MANY SERVICES AND TALENTS THAT WORKING DOGS PROVIDE
FOR PEOPLE IN TODAY'S SOCIETY.

1 WHEREAS, dogs in today's society deserve to be honored not
2 only as loyal companions, but as faithful workers who serve and
3 protect; and
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5 WHEREAS, here at home, Hawaii is blessed with K-9 units
6 that have made several large drug busts at our airports;
7 preventing kilos of crystal meth from reaching our islands'
8 people; and
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10 WHEREAS, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has more than
11 800 canine teams that work with the U.S. Department of Homeland
12 Security to combat terrorist threats, stop the flow of illegal
13 narcotics, and detect unreported currency, concealed humans, or
14 smuggled agriculture products; and
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16 WHEREAS, the U.S. Military utilizes dogs to brave
17 situations in war; finding mines, locating the enemy, and search
18 and rescue; vital in detecting potential explosives at large
19 scale events like the Olympics, Presidential debates, and
20 economic conferences; and
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22 WHEREAS, people with disabilities rely on dogs to provide
23 living assistance as guide dogs, hearing dogs, service dogs, and
24 in other capacities as well; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Americans with disabilities Act (ADA), signed
27 into law in 1990, guarantees people with disabilities the right
28 to be accompanied by a service animal in all areas open to the
29 general public; and
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31 WHEREAS, search and rescue dogs can identify a suspect or
32 missing person's scent and microscopic particles; dogs have a
33 superior sense of smell at concentrations of nearly 100 million



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1 times lower than humans; extremely valuable in dark situations,
2 heavy dense woods, disaster debris, and under water; and
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4 WHEREAS, working in horrific and distressing emergency
5 situations disaster search dogs play a key role in finding
6 survivors and victims of earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes,
7 fires, explosions, plane and train wrecks; and
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9 WHEREAS, in the agricultural field dogs herd and head
10 cattle and sheep, patrolling boundaries and protecting crops;
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13 WHEREAS, research shows dogs in the presence of patients
14 suffering from physical, emotional, and social conditions, aid
15 in increasing the possibility of recovery; and
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17 WHEREAS, dogs help to lower blood pressure, decrease serum
18 cholesterol, relieve anxiety in people and possess the ability
19 to sniff out cancer and detect the onset of seizures; now,
20 therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature in 2006,
25 The Year of the Dog, honor man's best friend, a well-earned
26 distinction and their contributions in today's society.
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