



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13-1016

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also SENATOR(S) Tochtrop, Balmer, Aguilar, Baumgardner, Brophy, Cadman, Carroll, Crowder, Giron, Grantham, Guzman, Harvey, Heath, Hodge, Hudak, Jahn, Johnston, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, King, Lambert, Lundberg, Marble, Newell, Nicholson, Renfroe, Roberts, Scheffel, Schwartz, Steadman, Todd, Ulibarri, Morse.

CONCERNING COLORADO KENNEL CLUBS AND DOG FANCIERS.

WHEREAS, All kennel clubs in Colorado provide dog fanciers and pet owners with the necessary training and information to promote the welfare, care, responsible ownership, and training of dogs; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs and its member clubs serve the communities of Colorado in promoting dog shows and education for dog fanciers and the general public by hosting over 400 dog shows and events every year, with an annual impact of over \$20 million into Colorado's economy; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs is instrumental in providing and promoting dog obedience training, service and therapy training and placement, rescue for abused and abandoned dogs of all breeds, and recovery of dogs whose owners can no longer care for them; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs and dog fanciers and owners promote physical and mental well-being for dogs and their owners through activities such as agility competitions, sporting, and training; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs was instrumental in providing shelter and resources to pet animals during the devastating Waldo Canyon and High Park fires of 2012, likely saving the lives of many families' loving pets; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

(1) Recognize that dogs of all breeds are "Man's Best Friend" and an important part of our daily lives as companions, family members, service and therapeutic care providers, and law enforcement officers, as well as working partners in all areas of our daily lives;

(2) Recognize that the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs and its members provide Colorado dog owners and fanciers the expertise and resources to help them best care for, train, and enjoy their dogs and provide their dogs with the fullest, longest, and most meaningful life;

(3) Celebrate that "Swagger", a Colorado Springs-bred and Colorado Springs-owned Old English Sheepdog, was awarded "Reserve Best in Show" at the prestigious, internationally recognized Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show; and

(4) Confirm that Wednesday, March 6, 2013, is "Dog Day at the Capitol", welcoming our canine friends (escorted by members of the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs) to enjoy the opportunity to enter the Capitol building and meet the members of the Colorado General Assembly for the purpose of educating citizens and legislators of the important role of "Man's Best Friend" as family members, service and therapy care providers, law enforcement officers, herding and cattle dogs, and hunting and sporting companions, and their invaluable role in the betterment of the lives of the citizens of the state of Colorado.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the American Kennel Club and the United Kennel Club.

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