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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Dogs have partnered with humans for over 20,000
3 years, resulting in the close bond and mutual dependence we
4 share today with these wonderful animals; and

5 WHEREAS, Purebred dog breeds were historically developed
6 to respond to all manner of specific needs of humans, from
7 utilitarian to comfort and enjoyment; purpose-bred dogs, due to
8 their recorded lineage, represent the predictability of size,
9 temperament, coat type, energy level, and trainability that
10 were specifically bred for those tasks that are now invaluable
11 to humans; and

12 WHEREAS, Purebred dogs were carefully selected to assist
13 mankind in almost all aspects of our lives; these purpose-bred
14 animals tend our flocks, herd our cattle, hunt game on land and
15 water, rid our homes and barns of destructive vermin, pull our
16 carts or sleds, protect our children, guard our homes, and
17 rescue humans in snow, land, and water; and

18 WHEREAS, Purebred dogs were developed to perform viable
19 jobs that humans rely upon every day; these dogs act as police
20 officers, protect our military from bombs and enemies, guide
21 our blind, alert the deaf, assist our veterans, act as helping
22 hands to the disabled, alert their owners to various medical

1 conditions, comfort the sick, and are our partners in every
2 human endeavor; and

3 WHEREAS, Purebred dogs have provided inestimable help to
4 medical science, serving as models for various diseases,
5 advancing both human and canine medicine; and

6 WHEREAS, Dogs of purebred or mixed heritage should all be
7 valued, but the preservation and promotion of the various
8 purpose-bred dogs should be celebrated and preserved for future
9 generations; and

10 WHEREAS, Each purebred dog breed represents the living
11 history of mankind's evolution alongside their canine
12 companions, and, as befits their importance to humans, should
13 be preserved as living testament to the partnership between
14 species that is celebrated in over 80 million homes in the
15 United States; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 proudly recognize May 1, 2016 as National Purebred Dog Day in
19 celebration of purebred dogs and the many service and companion
20 benefits they provide; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the American Kennel Club and the Illinois
2 Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners.