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# House Concurrent Resolution No. 4

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, dogs play an important role in the lives of many Missouri citizens by  
3 serving as companions, therapy dogs, and service dogs; and

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

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7 **Whereas**, responsible dog ownership is encouraged in Missouri and responsible  
8 owners should properly control and provide adequate training for their dogs; and

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

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

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17 **Whereas**, children and adults of all ages participate in Canine Good Citizen classes  
18 to learn the skills involved in responsible dog ownership; and

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20 **Whereas**, with dog bites and animal concerns on the rise, there is a real need for  
21 dogs to remain well-behaved canine community members:

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23           **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
24 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
25 concurring therein, hereby encourage dog training programs and kennel clubs to provide training  
26 and education for community pet owners that result in dogs being "Canine Good Citizens".

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