

By: Senator(s) Lee (35th), Doxey

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 560

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE "AKC CANINE GOOD  
2 CITIZEN PROGRAM" AND SUPPORTING ITS EFFORT TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE  
3 DOG OWNERSHIP IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, dogs play an extremely important role in the lives  
5 of many Mississippi citizens by serving as companions, therapy  
6 dogs and assistance dogs, and are viewed by many as "family  
7 members"; and

8 WHEREAS, it is recognized that dog-related problems are most  
9 often caused by irresponsible owners; and

10 WHEREAS, responsible dog ownership is encouraged in  
11 Mississippi and responsible owners should properly control and  
12 provide adequate training for their dogs; and

13 WHEREAS, "Canine Good Citizen" programs identify and  
14 officially recognize those dogs who behave as members in good  
15 standing with the community; and

16 WHEREAS, the AKC Canine Good Citizen Program, which was  
17 developed by the American Kennel Club, teaches pet owners that  
18 dogs should exhibit "good citizen" behaviors in the presence of  
19 other people and animals, in both the home and the community; and

20 WHEREAS, there is critical need during disasters and  
21 emergencies for pets to have permanent identification and be  
22 well-behaved and manageable:

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
24 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
25 the Legislature of the State of Mississippi encourages dog  
26 training programs and kennel clubs to provide training and

27 education for community pet owners that result in dogs being  
28 "Canine Good Citizens."

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
30 representatives of the "AKC Canine Good Citizen Program" in  
31 Mississippi and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.