

By: Representative Zuber

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CELEBRATING NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL
2 DAY IN MISSISSIPPI ON APRIL 30, 2023.

3 WHEREAS, on April 30, 2023, Pet Partners is celebrating
4 National Therapy Animal Day, and it is certainly fitting to join
5 this exceptional organization in celebrating this outstanding day
6 in Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, Pet Partners is the national leader in demonstrating
8 and promoting the health and wellness benefits of animal-assisted
9 therapy, activities and education, and since the organization's
10 inception in 1977, its goal has been to improve human health and
11 well-being through the human-animal bond; and

12 WHEREAS, with the release of its Standards of Practice for
13 Animal-Assisted Interventions and its international expansion, Pet
14 Partners is globally recognized as the industry gold standard, and
15 as a leader in the field, it also maintains publicly shared
16 position statements and calls to action on issues affecting
17 therapy animals and animal-assisted interventions; and



18 WHEREAS, with more than ten thousand registered teams making
19 more than three million visits annually in settings such as
20 hospitals, nursing homes, schools and hospice, Pet Partners serves
21 as the nation's most diverse and respected nonprofit registering
22 handlers of multiple species as volunteer teams; and

23 WHEREAS, there are thousands of Pet Partners therapy animal
24 teams serving in communities across the United States, interacting
25 with a variety of people in the community including veterans,
26 seniors, patients, students facing literacy challenges, and those
27 approaching end of life, and the organization's therapy animal
28 teams in Ocean Springs play an essential role in improving human
29 health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

30 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
31 and honor the extraordinary therapy animals who partner with their
32 human companions to bring comfort and healing to those who need it
33 most, and we encourage all Mississippians to celebrate therapy
34 animals and their human handlers:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
36 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
37 THEREIN, That we do hereby celebrate National Therapy Animal Day
38 in Mississippi on April 30, 2023, and express our most sincere
39 wishes to Pet Partners for continued success in all of its future
40 endeavors.



41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
42 furnished to Pet Partners and to the members of the Capitol Press
43 Corps.

