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HR 1012

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5 By: Representative Pennartz  
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## 8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 ENDORSING THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CANINE GOOD  
10 CITIZEN PROGRAM AND SUPPORTING ITS EFFORT TO  
11 PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP IN THE STATE OF  
12 ARKANSAS.

### 13 Subtitle

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19 OF ARKANSAS.  
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22 WHEREAS, dogs play an important role in the lives of many Arkansas  
23 residents by serving as companions, therapy dogs, assistance dogs, and  
24 hospice volunteers; and  
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26 WHEREAS, responsible dog ownership is encouraged in Arkansas, and  
27 responsible owners should properly control and as necessary provide adequate  
28 training for their dogs; and  
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30 WHEREAS, the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Program  
31 identifies and officially recognizes those dogs who behave as members in good  
32 standing with the community; and  
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34 WHEREAS, the Canine Good Citizen Program developed by the American  
35 Kennel Club teaches pet owners that dogs should exhibit good citizen  
36 behaviors in the presence of other people and animals, in both the home and



1 the community; and

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3 WHEREAS, children and adults of all ages participate in canine good  
4 citizen classes to learn the skills involved in responsible dog ownership;  
5 and

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7 WHEREAS, with pet bites and animal trespassing concerns, there is a  
8 real need for dogs to remain well-behaved community members,

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10 NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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14 That the House of Representatives encourages dog training programs and  
15 kennel clubs to provide training and education for community pet owners that  
16 result in dogs being canine good citizens.

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate  
19 copy shall be provided to Mr. Ben Goff of Fort Smith, Arkansas, by the Chief  
20 Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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