

Senate Concurrent Resolution 4

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL (at the request of Ron Faulk) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Designates Border collie as official state dog.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the Border collie originated more than 300 years ago on the border of England and
3 Scotland; and

4 Whereas the Border collie was brought to Oregon by way of Europe during the westward ex-
5 pansion; and

6 Whereas the Border collie is bred primarily to work with livestock; and

7 Whereas the Border collie is considered worldwide to be the most intelligent breed of dog; and

8 Whereas the Border collie is known for its strong work ethic and extraordinary ability to herd
9 and control farm livestock; and

10 Whereas when the Donation Land Act was enacted in 1850, sheep ranchers Art Minor, Charles
11 Cunningham, Ameil Claude, the Bartholomew brothers and the Krieb brothers took advantage of
12 grasslands to create large herds of sheep; and

13 Whereas Border collies were documented working the fields in Heppner, Oregon, during the
14 middle of the 1800s; and

15 Whereas cattle and sheep ranching increased in Oregon during the 1920s, when businesspeople
16 imported Border collies to help build the West; and

17 Whereas today in Oregon the Border collie continues to assist farmers and ranchers in the field
18 by moving sheep and cattle from pasture to pasture and by protecting livestock from predatory an-
19 imals; and

20 Whereas the Oregon Sheep Dog Society is the oldest sheepdog organization in the United States;
21 and

22 Whereas the finals of five national sheepdog trials have taken place in Oregon; and

23 Whereas since 2000, sites across Oregon have repeatedly been chosen to host the annual West-
24 ern States Regional Sheepdog Championships; and

25 Whereas Oregonians appreciate the Border collie's intelligence and penchant for hard work
26 that, combined with the breed's long history in this state, make the Border collie a natural choice
27 for Oregon's state dog; now, therefore,

28 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

29 That the Border collie is recognized as and is designated to be the official dog of the State of
30 Oregon.

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.