

Oregon House Rules Committee:

I urge you to vote yes on H.C.R. 16 to designate the rescued shelter dog as Oregon's state dog.

While all breeds are worthy, this resolution would avoid any perceived favoritism of one breed over another while promoting adoptions of all the wonderful dogs in shelters across the state. All breeds can end up in shelters needing adoption, including purebreds, after all. And all have the potential to be a loving companion for the right person.

By promoting adoption, this will result in more lives saved and less cost to care for dogs in all shelters. The latter will save taxpayer money for shelters that currently receive government funding like the Marion County Dog Shelter where I adopted one of my two dogs 10 years ago when it first opened.

H.C.R. 16 also acknowledges the work of Oregon's amazing animal sheltering professionals who work every day to care for dogs in shelters and find them permanent, loving homes. It would help further Oregon's position as a leader in rescue and sheltering in the nation.

Sincerely,

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