

1       A RESOLUTION honoring Bella Gaudette and her border collie, Piper, for their  
2       Best of Breed win at the 150th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

3       WHEREAS, Bella Gaudette and her border collie, Piper, whose previous accolades  
4       include grand champion and several rally and herding titles, can now add Westminster  
5       Kennel Club Dog Show's Best of Breed title to that list; and

6       WHEREAS, Piper's win for the female Best of Breed, a conformation category  
7       award, is as much a statement of Piper's beauty as it is of the dedication and care taken by  
8       her owner, Bella; and

9       WHEREAS, Bella Gaudette, who got her start in dog shows in the 1980s with a  
10      lab-shepherd mix, has been showing purebred border collies in obedience and  
11      conformation competitions since the 1990s. Winning the Westminster Kennel Club's Best  
12      of Breed was a sweet return on decades of hard work; and

13      WHEREAS, Bella Gaudette and Piper returned home from New York to their farm  
14      in Glendale, Kentucky, where they will prepare for the Kentuckiana Cluster of Dog  
15      Shows' five-day show at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in March, hosted by  
16      the Louisville Kennel Club, where every dog breed will be on display. The future is  
17      bright for Bella and Piper;

18      NOW, THEREFORE,  
19      *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
20      *Kentucky:*

21      ➔Section 1.   The members of the Senate join Senator Matthew Deneen in  
22      honoring Bella Gaudette and her border collie, Piper, on being named Best of Breed in  
23      the 150th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and wish them continued success in all  
24      future competitions.

25      ➔Section 2.   The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
26      Resolution to Senator Matthew Deneen for presentation to Bella Gaudette.