

1 AN ACT relating to state symbols.

2 WHEREAS, the Treeing Walker Coonhound is a native Kentucky dog breed,
3 developed in the 19th Century by two Kentucky breeders named John W. Walker and
4 George Washington Maupin; and

5 WHEREAS, the Treeing Walker Coonhound is a hunting breed known to chase
6 quarry into trees, thus giving hunters a clear shot at game; and

7 WHEREAS, the Treeing Walker Coonhound is known for hunting raccoons, but are
8 also used for hunting other game, including animals ranging in size from small mammals
9 to bears; and

10 WHEREAS, Treeing Walker Coonhounds are also good companion dogs, known
11 for loyalty and intelligence, for their kindness to children and ability to get along with
12 other dogs; and

13 WHEREAS, the Treeing Walker Coonhound became a recognized breed of the
14 American Kennel Club in January 2012;

15 NOW, THEREFORE,

16 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

17 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 2 IS CREATED TO
18 READ AS FOLLOWS:

19 ***The Treeing Walker Coonhound is named and designated as the official dog of the***
20 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky.***