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PAWS *of* CODE

A nonprofit for the advancement of high technology pets in the Fresno Region.

HoundWise Industries, Inc. sponsored their annual code marathon for your pampered pooches. Catch this year’s four-paw stars!

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The Winners!

It’s a tie. Megapup and LadyDawg were honored for this year’s coding most outstanding code achievement. Their comments:

Paws Hall of Fame

2012 - Valley

2013 - Toto

2014 - Blondie

**San Joaquin Valley as a global center for high technology pets.**

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The San Joaquin Valley has long been known as one of the world's most abundant agricultural centers.

Today, in addition to our rich agricultural roots, the San Joaquin Valley is fast becoming known as a global center for high technology.

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In recent years we have seen a rapid rise in curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular opportunities for students in the areas of engineering and robotics. Some of the programs that have taken root at the elementary, middle, and high school levels are FIRST Robotics League, Vex Robotics, and FIRST Lego Robotics. At the post-secondary education level, we have observed a myriad of opportunities that build upon these foundations. Still further, we have witnessed the arrival of the "Maker Movement" to Fresno. And, most importantly, we are seeing a rapid increase within and outside of our region in the need for qualified engineers and technologists, the very sort of professional that these programs seek to inspire.

These programs face a variety of challenges, chief among them are funding, venue, and equipment. We are aware of and support the initiative of 59DaysOfCode to launch a regional lab space where students from around the region can pursue these exciting opportunities, inside of the Bitwise South Stadium technology hub. Such an innovation space would help divide the cost of space and equipment across multiple schools. This would open up the vast opportunity of robotics and engineering to a significantly greater number of students in our region.

Upon the opening of this lab facility we intend to make it available to our students, engineers, inventors, and entrepreneurs, together with the various programs that have a need for this sort of facility; the lab will fill a pressing need for space and equipment. Further, based on its track record of successfully inspiring technological achievement in the Fresno Region, we can sustain this lab.

Thank you for your support in this endeavor. We believe that your contribution will have a dramatic and positive impact on our children and region for generations to come.