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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing the week of June 20-25, 2005, as "Humane Society Appreciation Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, there are currently 48 humane societies in the State of Florida, serving 40 counties in the struggle with domestic animal overpopulation, and

WHEREAS, humane societies work to promote animal adoption and education, eliminate animal overpopulation, prevent animal cruelty, and relieve animal suffering, and

WHEREAS, humane societies have diligently served many Florida communities for as many as 45 years, and

WHEREAS, the estimated population of more than 800,000 unwanted and stray animals euthanized in Florida each year constitutes a potential health risk for rabies and other contagious diseases in this state, and

WHEREAS, in 2004, humane societies served to locate permanent homes for many thousands of unwanted animals and promoted regional spay/neuter campaigns as a preventive and responsible measure for controlling animal overpopulation in this state, and

WHEREAS, Florida's humane societies are staffed by an estimated 10,000 residents who unselfishly volunteer their time, energy, and expertise to fulfill the goals of the humane society, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

1 That the humane societies across this state are
2 commended for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of
3 the people and animals of Florida.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the week of June 20-25,
5 2005, is recognized as "Humane Society Appreciation Week."
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