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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating June 20-25, 2005, as "Humane  
3 Society Appreciation Week" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, in six years, one female dog and her offspring can  
6 produce 67,000 puppies, while a cat and her young may give birth  
7 to 420,000 kittens, and

8 WHEREAS, in the United States, for every child born, an  
9 average of 15 dogs and 45 cats are born, and each day a  
10 staggering 600,000 puppies and kittens are produced, compared to  
11 the 10,000 births of human babies, and

12 WHEREAS, conversely, 64 percent of all animals taken into  
13 shelters nationwide are killed for the lack of homes in which  
14 they may be placed, and, during the year 2000, an estimated  
15 800,000 healthy dogs and cats were euthanized in Florida alone,  
16 for a state average of 2,191 deaths every day, 91 every hour,  
17 and 1.5 every minute, and

18 WHEREAS, the staffs of the 48 humane societies serving 40  
19 of Florida's counties are assisted by more than 10,000  
20 volunteers in attempts to find suitable homes for the hapless  
21 creatures in their care, trying desperately to minimize the  
22 heartbreaking task of euthanizing these healthy, lovable  
23 animals, and

24 WHEREAS, abandonment and euthanasia are not acceptable  
25 solutions to the undisputed epidemic of animal overpopulation,  
26 and Florida's humane societies have joined the Humane Society of  
27 the United States in its efforts to encourage increased funding  
28 for spay and neuter programs and to make the public aware of the

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29 | importance of spaying and neutering pets as a humane method of  
30 | controlling the spiraling epidemic of overpopulation, NOW,  
31 | THEREFORE,

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33 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
34 | Florida:

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36 |         That the House of Representatives commends the staffs and  
37 | volunteers of Florida's 48 humane societies for their  
38 | compassionate efforts on behalf thousands of helpless creatures  
39 | that come under their care and urges the state's residents to  
40 | become sensitive to the growing crisis of animal overpopulation  
41 | and to embrace the practice of spaying and neutering of pets as  
42 | a means of controlling this very real problem.

43 |         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives  
44 | designates June 20-25, 2005, as "Humane Society Appreciation  
45 | Week" in Florida.