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## Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the week of June 18-24, 2006, as "Humane Society Appreciation Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, humane societies have diligently served numerous communities in the State of Florida for as many as 45 years, and

WHEREAS, there are currently 48 humane societies in Florida that serve 40 counties in the struggle against domestic animal overpopulation, working to promote animal adoption and education, eliminate animal overpopulation, prevent animal cruelty, and relieve animal suffering, and

WHEREAS, stray animals present a health and safety risk for the people and animals of the state, and

WHEREAS, an estimated 800,000 or more unwanted and stray animals are euthanized annually in Florida, and

WHEREAS, through education, adoption, and promotion of spay/neuter practices, humane societies are reducing the number of companion animals euthanized in this state, and

WHEREAS, in 2004, humane societies located permanent homes for many thousands of unwanted animals and promoted regional spay/neuter campaigns as a preventive and responsible measure for controlling the animal overpopulation in Florida, and

WHEREAS, humane societies are staffed by an estimated 10,000 Florida residents who unselfishly volunteer their time, energy, and expertise, 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 18-24,  
5 2006, is recognized as "Humane Society Appreciation Week" in  
6 Florida.  
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