

By Senator King

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the week of June 23-27, 2008, 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 2007, 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 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 to alleviate the suffering of animals and to deal responsibly with the problems created by stray animal overpopulation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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30 That the Senate commends the humane societies across this
31 state for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the
32 people and animals of Florida and for setting an example for
33 responsible human behavior toward animals.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the week of June 23-27, 2008, is
35 recognized as "Humane Society Appreciation Week" in Florida.