

By Senator King

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the week of June 21-27, 2009,
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 2008, 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
12,000 Florida residents who unselfishly volunteer their time,
energy, and expertise, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the week of June 21-27, 2009, is recognized as "Humane
Society Appreciation Week."