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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 2010 as "Adopt a  
3 Shelter Pet Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, in the United States, six million to eight million  
6 homeless pets enter animal shelters each year, with as many as  
7 four million of these animals euthanized, including healthy,  
8 loving cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies, and

9 WHEREAS, the faltering economy has forced many pet owners  
10 to surrender their beloved pets to local shelters, which are  
11 already overburdened, and

12 WHEREAS, Florida communities are experiencing unprecedented  
13 budget shortfalls, which is placing an increased strain on local  
14 animal shelters, threatening the lives of thousands of animals,  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Florida animal shelters cannot save and support  
17 the large numbers of animals arriving at their doors, and

18 WHEREAS, adopting a pet from a local animal shelter is one  
19 way that Floridians can make a difference in these uncertain  
20 economic times, giving hope to those who must surrender their  
21 pet that the pet will be loved and cared for, and

22 WHEREAS, adopting a pet from a local animal shelter deeply  
23 enriches the lives of those who open their homes and hearts to  
24 shelter animals, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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28 That April 2010 is recognized as "Adopt a Shelter Pet  
29 Month" in Florida.