

HR 9033

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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 2011 as "Adopt a Shelter  
3 Pet Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, in the United States, six to eight million  
6 homeless pets enter animal shelters each year, with as many as  
7 four million of these animals being euthanized, including  
8 healthy, 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 animal shelters, which  
11 are 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 House of Representatives of the State of  
27 Florida:

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28           That April 2011 is recognized as "Adopt a Shelter Pet  
29   Month" in Florida.