

## House Resolution 2022

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Atlanta Humane Society; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Humane Society is a nonprofit organization and the oldest private  
3 charitable organization in Atlanta, founded in 1873, after a visit to the city by Robert E. Lee;  
4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, the animal charity was originally chartered to protect women, children, and  
6 animals and remained a child protection and animal welfare society for 79 years; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Humane Society aims to have 100 percent placement of all healthy  
8 animals each year into permanent homes, to strengthen the relationships that the organization  
9 has with other animal welfare groups, and to continue to grow all of the shelter's spay and  
10 neuter efforts; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Cal Morgan, the recently named president of the organization, is a graduate of  
12 Emory University and the Harvard Business School, and is the immediate past chairman of  
13 the board for the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators and a founding member of the  
14 National Federation of Humane Societies; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Humane Society now focuses its efforts on addressing the pet  
16 overpopulation problem and encouraging pet adoption in Georgia; with two campuses, in  
17 Atlanta and Alpharetta, the pet rescue and animal welfare organization offers the public  
18 numerous opportunities either to donate or get involved; and
- 19 WHEREAS, in October, 2009, the Atlanta Humane Society Board of Directors created a  
20 junior board, the 1873 Society Club, comprised of young professionals and philanthropists  
21 devoted to raising awareness and funds to support the organization's mission; and

22 WHEREAS, it has also launched a \$10 million capital campaign to support the 32,000 square  
23 foot animal rescue and adoption center that opened in December, 2011, in Alpharetta; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
25 remarkable organization be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize and commend the Atlanta Humane Society for its  
28 commitment to preventing the neglect, abuse, and exploitation of animals in Georgia.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Atlanta Humane Society.