

House Resolution 632

By: Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Frye of the 122nd, Wiedower of the 121st, and Rhodes of the 124th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the efforts of Atlanta Humane Society, Athens Area Humane Society, and
2 Atlanta Beagle Rescue to help rescue beagles from animal testing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in July 2022, 4,000 beagles were rescued from a breeding facility based in
4 Cumberland, Virginia, and owned by Envigo, a company that breeds animals for laboratory
5 testing across the country; and

6 WHEREAS, Envigo was found to be in violation of federal regulations at the Virginia
7 location after officials found the beagles hungry, sick, mistreated, and in some cases dead;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, a federal judge approved a plan to rescue the beagles, and a nationwide effort
10 of rescue organizations, volunteers, and would-be owners were mobilized to help; and

11 WHEREAS, The Humane Society of the United States worked with federal authorities to
12 rehome the dogs and rescue groups across the country took them in, including Atlanta
13 Humane Society, Athens Area Humane Society, and Atlanta Beagle Rescue; and

14 WHEREAS, many of the rescued dogs were only a year old, meaning they spent the first
15 year of their life in captivity with the only purpose of being used for laboratory testing; and

16 WHEREAS, due to the efforts of Atlanta Humane Society, Athens Area Humane Society,
17 Atlanta Beagle Rescue, and the many other organizations around the country that stepped up
18 to help these animals in need, there are fewer dogs in lab testing and many happier families.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize the work of Atlanta Humane Society, Athens Area
21 Humane Society, and Atlanta Beagle Rescue in rescuing and rehoming beagles that were
22 going to be used for laboratory testing.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 public and the press.