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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pet overpopulation is a serious problem, both in
2 Texas and throughout the nation; and

3 WHEREAS, Many of the animals in shelters must be euthanized
4 because they are not reclaimed by their former owners or adopted by
5 new owners; young, healthy, and friendly animals are too often put
6 to sleep simply because homes are not found for them and resources
7 and space at shelters are limited, especially in these challenging
8 economic times; and

9 WHEREAS, Shelters offer low-cost adoptions, allowing
10 aspiring pet owners to affordably befriend a new animal companion;
11 moreover, pets from shelters are generally spayed or neutered at
12 the time of adoption, which helps reduce future numbers of unwanted
13 animals; and

14 WHEREAS, Providing a home for a pet has been shown to promote
15 a healthy lifestyle for owners by providing opportunities for
16 exercise and social interaction with other pet owners; studies also
17 indicate that children who help care for pets have higher
18 self-esteem and enhanced social skills; and

19 WHEREAS, Adopting pets from local animal shelters helps
20 reduce the burdens placed on these vital community resources and
21 makes a profound difference in the lives of animals in need as well
22 as in the lives of the people who take them into their hearts and
23 homes; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize October 2011 as Adopt a Shelter Pet
2 Month in Texas and encourage citizens across the state to enrich
3 their lives by adopting an animal from a local shelter.