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#### R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Since 1993, the third week in October has been set  
2 aside as National Veterinary Technician Week to recognize the  
3 contributions made by members of this caring profession; and

4 WHEREAS, Veterinary technicians play a vital role in the  
5 daily functioning of veterinary practices, working under the  
6 supervision of a veterinarian; technicians handle many of the same  
7 responsibilities that nurses and other medical professionals  
8 perform for physicians, such as obtaining and recording patient  
9 histories, collecting specimens, preparing for surgeries, and  
10 assisting in diagnostic, medical, and surgical procedures; and

11 WHEREAS, Like veterinarians, vet techs are trained to work  
12 with several species of animals; the American Veterinary Medical  
13 Association accredits veterinary technology programs leading to  
14 associate or bachelor's degrees, which cover such subjects as  
15 anatomy, microbiology, pharmacology, anesthesiology, clinical  
16 pathology, and radiology; all students in AVMA-accredited programs  
17 complete a preceptorship, practicum, or externship to gain hands-on  
18 experience; after passing their credentialing examination, they  
19 must keep their knowledge current with continuing education courses  
20 in order to maintain their license; and

21 WHEREAS, The majority of veterinary technicians are employed  
22 in private practice, but the demand for their skills is rapidly  
23 expanding; today, veterinary technicians also serve in the  
24 military, food safety inspection, zoos, wildlife facilities,

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1 animal control, diagnostic laboratories, humane societies, and  
2 other settings; and

3 WHEREAS, Highly skilled professionals, veterinary  
4 technicians work tirelessly to ensure the health and well-being of  
5 animals, promote humane treatment, and advance the standard of care  
6 in their growing field; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize October 15-21, 2017, as National  
9 Veterinary Technician Week.