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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Around 65 percent of all American households own a
2 cat or dog, and these beloved pets provide affection,
3 companionship, and myriad other benefits for their families; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the Humane Society of the United
5 States, more than 2.4 million healthy, adoptable animals are
6 euthanized in American shelters each year due to lack of critical
7 resources and public awareness; like other states, Texas currently
8 has a large population of cats and dogs in rescue shelters who are
9 waiting to be placed in a loving home; and

10 WHEREAS, When Texans choose to adopt rather than purchase an
11 animal, they give the rescue cat or dog a happier and healthier
12 existence and help reduce the overall shelter population; and

13 WHEREAS, These furry friends make wonderful pets, offering
14 years of love to those who take them in; the act of giving a rescue
15 animal a forever home can be an exceptionally rewarding experience
16 that forges the bonds of trust and loyalty between the pet and its
17 owner; and

18 WHEREAS, Of all the jumbo-sized qualities that make the Lone
19 Star State such a distinctive place, it is the big-hearted
20 generosity of its people that is most special, and shelter animals
21 are a fitting symbol of Texans' enduring ability to make the world a
22 better place by helping those in need; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby designate rescue shelter cats and dogs as the official state

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1 pets of Texas and encourage all Texans who are considering pet
2 ownership to visit a local animal shelter or rescue group.