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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Tena Lundquist Faust and Tama Lundquist have 2 distinguished themselves through their leadership as copresidents 3 of Houston PetSet, a charitable organization with the mission to 4 end animal homelessness in Harris County and beyond; and

5 WHEREAS, The sisters joined Houston PetSet as board members in 2007 and subsequently took the reins of the organization as 6 copresidents in 2013; two years into their tenure, they began 7 developing a strategic plan to address the most significant issues 8 9 facing the animal population in Houston and Harris County, and they went on to commission a study through Rice University to more fully 10 11 assess the state of animal welfare in the area; since then, the 12 organization has forged new alliances and created new programs with the goals of relocating dogs and cats in need of homes and 13 14 preventing overpopulation through spay and neuter services; and

15 WHEREAS, Houston PetSet continuously engages government 16 officials, private animal welfare groups, shelters, veterinarians, donors, and other key industry stakeholders to accomplish its 17 mission; to date, the organization has awarded more than \$2.5 18 million in grants to its animal welfare partners, and it provided 19 20 grants to nearly 70 recipients in 2018 alone; the organization was 21 also a founding partner of the Harris County Animal Cruelty 22 Taskforce in 2018, and it collaborated with the Harris County Precinct 5 Animal Crimes Unit to launch a special "boots on the 23 ground" ambassador program to help identify and report cases of 24

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1 animal abuse and neglect; Ms. Lundquist Faust and Ms. Lundquist are 2 active in overseeing such events as the annual Fierce & Fabulous 3 Soirée to raise funds for these initiatives; and

WHEREAS, In February 2019, Houston PetSet was honored for its work by Houston mayor Sylvester Turner; its copresidents have also personally been recognized as the 2010 Houston Humane Society honorees and the 2014 Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston Best Friends Brunch honorees, in addition to receiving the 2013 Crime Stoppers of Houston Leiv Platou Award; and

10 WHEREAS, Driven by a deep concern for the county's most 11 vulnerable animals, Tena Lundquist Faust and Tama Lundquist have 12 proven themselves to be a force for good in their community, and 13 their efforts have earned them the respect and gratitude of 14 countless fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas 16 Legislature hereby commend Tena Lundquist Faust and Tama Lundquist 17 for their many achievements as copresidents of Houston PetSet and 18 extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it 19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 21 prepared for Ms. Lundquist Faust and Ms. Lundquist as an expression 22 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1284 was adopted by the House on April 23, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House