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H.R. No. 1284

R E S O L U T I O N

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

15 WHEREAS, Houston PetSet continuously engages government
16 officials, private animal welfare groups, shelters, veterinarians,
17 donors, and other key industry stakeholders to accomplish its
18 mission; to date, the organization has awarded more than \$2.5
19 million in grants to its animal welfare partners, and it provided
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
23 Precinct 5 Animal Crimes Unit to launch a special "boots on the
24 ground" ambassador program to help identify and report cases of

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

4 WHEREAS, In February 2019, Houston PetSet was honored for its
5 work by Houston mayor Sylvester Turner; its copresidents have also
6 personally been recognized as the 2010 Houston Humane Society
7 honorees and the 2014 Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston
8 Best Friends Brunch honorees, in addition to receiving the 2013
9 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.