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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Holly Frederick Reynolds for her animal rights advocacy

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Holly Frederick Reynolds for her animal rights advocacy. 3 WHEREAS, Holly Frederick Reynolds's life is marked by her undauntable 4 confidence and enthusiastic resolve to fight for what she believes in; these qualities are why 5 Jeff Dorson, the executive director of the Humane Society of Louisiana, said "Holly is by 6 far the greatest animal rights advocate in the state"; and 7 WHEREAS, Holly Reynolds was not always a full-time animal rights advocate; she 8 graduated from Louisiana State University with a master's degree in recreation in 1941, and 9 she worked for the state hospitals in Mandeville and Jackson from 1953 until 1977; and 10 WHEREAS, Ms. Reynolds founded a humane society in St. Tammany Parish in 11 1953; when she learned the Baton Rouge branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty 12 to Animals had closed its doors, she moved to the capital city and in 1979 founded the 13 Capital Area Animal Welfare Society; and 14 WHEREAS, Ms. Reynolds continued her work for increased animal rights by 15 teaming up with Representative Garey Forster and the Legislature of Louisiana in 1983 to 16 help pass Louisiana's first dogfighting laws; her efforts helped make dogfighting a felony 17 in the state; and 18 WHEREAS, true to her steadfast nature, she ensured that her efforts would continue 19 to progress by establishing the Holly Frederick Reynolds Support Foundation for Animal 20 Welfare in 1997; she also generously funded the foundation to help ensure its longevity; 21 today, the foundation makes annual contributions to various animal welfare groups, and most HLS 21RS-1080 ORIGINAL HCR NO. 29

1 recently, she requested that the foundation donate \$5,000 to purchase pet food for animal

- 2 owners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Reynolds has not let her age temper her relentless pursuit of
- 4 increased rights for animals; at one hundred and two years old, she continues lobbying at the
- 5 capitol; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Holly Reynolds is truly an exceptional individual; her acute sense of
- 7 civic duty and passion for animal rights is immensely inspiring, and her tireless efforts to
- 8 achieve equality for all living things is most deserving of the highest recognition.
- 9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
- 10 commend Holly Frederick Reynolds for decades of animal rights advocacy; does hereby
- thank Ms. Reynolds for her passionate pursuit of animal welfare through social activism and
- 12 the democratic process; and does hereby extend most sincere wishes that she continue to
- enjoy good health as she fights for what she believes in.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Holly
- 15 Frederick Reynolds.

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