

A RESOLUTION recognizing Margaret L. Patton.

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives are pleased to join in honoring and saluting Margaret L. Patton, a highly esteemed member of her Bluegrass State community, in recognition of her outstanding work and dedication to the Barren River Animal Welfare Association; and

WHEREAS, Margaret L. Patton is one of the founding members of BRAWA (Barren River Animal Welfare Association), a 501(c)(3) organization; and

WHEREAS, Margaret L. Patton recognized a need to improve the animal care practices of homeless animals in the Glasgow-Barren County community through advocacy, education, and funding; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, Margaret L. Patton has volunteered countless non-paid hours to one of the state's premiere animal shelters, and has served as the volunteer Executive Director for the past nine years. She has given generously of her time and energy to supervision and development and the operations, construction, outreach, and growth of the Barren River Animal Welfare Association; and

WHEREAS, Margaret L. Patton has been a voice for homeless animals and an advocate that animals are entitled to kind and respectful treatment at the hands of humans; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Margaret L. Patton is respected for her invaluable efforts in shelter operations and development, having served on the Kentucky Animal Control Advisory Board, which was created in 2004 for the purpose of evaluating applications for and reviewing disbursements from the animal control and care fund, creating training programs, and other duties relating to animal control and care in the counties of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, an array of honors and awards bears witness to the high regard in which she is held by her peers and colleagues, including PetSmart Charities and the Glasgow Barren County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, animal shelters across the nation are forced to stretch their resources to the brink to accommodate an overwhelming population of homeless and at-risk animals. Thousands of lives of homeless and at-risk animals have been saved due to the leadership, foresight, initiative, and efforts of Margaret L. Patton; and

WHEREAS, by her deeds and by her example, Margaret L. Patton has provided a model of excellence in achievement and dedication and has set a standard toward which others might strive; and

WHEREAS, the strength and success of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the vitality of Barren County and the city of Glasgow, and the strength and compassion of our American society depend, in great measure, upon concerned and devoted individuals, exemplified by Margaret L. Patton, who use their considerable talents, energies, and resources for the common good;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby honors and salutes Margaret L. Patton; pays tribute to her meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment to the homeless animal population and the Barren River Animal Welfare Association; and expresses and records sincere best wishes on her retirement as Executive Director of the Barren River Animal Welfare Association.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Johnny Bell for delivery.