

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing April 1, 2022, as Shelter Animal Day and April 2022
2 as Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month.

3 WHEREAS, Shelter Animal Day is recognized as an opportunity to promote
4 adopting animals from local animal shelters instead of purchasing an animal from a pet
5 store; and

6 WHEREAS, there are over 90 county-run animal shelters in Kentucky and a
7 number of privately-owned shelters are also operated within the Commonwealth,
8 including the Kentucky Humane Society; and

9 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Humane Society has facilitated the adoption of 607 pets
10 thus far in 2022, and, in 2020, saved over 97 percent of all animals it received; and

11 WHEREAS, Ethan Branscum, a nine-year old from Frankfort, has been advocating
12 for rescue animals since April 2019, and his efforts have resulted in multiple pieces of
13 legislation being filed by members of this body; and

14 WHEREAS, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
15 recognizes April as Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month to raise awareness about
16 issues facing animals; and

17 WHEREAS, all individuals are encouraged to support shelter animals by
18 volunteering at animal shelters, speaking up about animal cruelty, reporting animal
19 cruelty to local law enforcement, or adopting an animal from a shelter;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

23 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby honors Ethan Branscum and
24 his advocacy for the protection of shelter and rescue animals.

25 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes the month of April
26 2022 as Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month and recognizes April 1, 2022, as Shelter
27 Animal Day.

- 1 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
- 2 copy of this Resolution to Representative Cherlynn Stevenson.