

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing February 28, 2022, as CARE Day in the
2 Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, Kentucky experienced one of the worst tornado events in the state's
4 history on December 10, 2021, killing dozens of Kentuckians and impacting
5 Breckenridge, Bullitt, Caldwell, Fulton, Graves, Grayson, Hickman, Hopkins, Lyon,
6 Meade, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Shelby, Spencer, and Warren Counties; and

7 WHEREAS, several Kentucky counties were once again significantly impacted by a
8 severe weather event on December 31, 2021; and

9 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the severe weather events, countless people in the
10 impacted communities were left without homes, jobs, or even minimal necessities; and

11 WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Association has recognized the
12 importance of the bond between humans and animals in times of disaster in sustaining the
13 physical and emotional well-being of the public; and

14 WHEREAS, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association, Kentucky
15 has consistently ranked among the top states in terms of percentage of citizens that own
16 pets; and

17 WHEREAS, numerous Kentuckians with pets and service animals have been
18 displaced during the most recent severe weather disasters and may face increased barriers
19 to accessing animal services; and

20 WHEREAS, Kentuckians with pets and service animals who were impacted by the
21 recent disasters and who may be disabled, elderly, living at or below the poverty line, or
22 with limited English proficiency may face additional barriers to accessing such animal
23 services; and

24 WHEREAS, the nonprofit organization CARE is a human and animal well-being
25 organization inspired to rethink and rebuild animal welfare in a way that honors and
26 reflects the well-being of all people; and

27 WHEREAS, CARE is committed to advancing the above values in the

1 Commonwealth of Kentucky, especially in the wake of the most recent natural disasters;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

5 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes February 28, 2022,
6 as CARE Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and commends all animal welfare
7 professionals, community leaders, and residents dedicated to preserving the human-
8 animal bond by prioritizing the well-being of humans and animals alike.

9 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
10 copy of this Resolution to Representative Patti Minter for delivery.