

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 361

Commending Loudoun County Animal Services.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 10, 2017

WHEREAS, Loudoun County Animal Services, which operates an animal shelter that offers pets for adoption, celebrated a banner year in 2016, helping to save more animals than in any other year in the agency's history; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun County Animal Services saved more than 2,100 animals in 2016 and more than 1,500 pets were adopted, an increase of 525 from the previous year; and

WHEREAS, policy and programmatic changes implemented at Loudoun County Animal Services resulted in the dramatic increase in adoptions and improved health and welfare of shelter pets; and

WHEREAS, other significant achievements for Loudoun County Animal Services in 2016 include dropping the euthanasia rate by 50 percent, increasing the live release rate from 72 percent to 89 percent, and returning 438 lost pets to their owners; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Loudoun County Animal Services volunteers donated service hours valued at more than \$91,000, and volunteer foster homes cared for more than 300 pets and donated 9,537 hours of in-home care; and

WHEREAS, the devoted volunteers and dedicated staff at Loudoun County Animal Services, under the leadership of director Nina Stively, work each day to ensure a compassionate, humane environment for animals and people; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun County Animal Services knows that saving animal lives takes a village, and they could not have achieved their 2016 successes without the support of a compassionate community of residents who volunteer, foster, donate, and adopt to support their mission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Loudoun County Animal Services hereby be commended on a banner year of service in 2016 and helping to save more animals than any other year in the agency's history; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Nina Stively, director of Loudoun County Animal Services, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the agency's compassion and dedication to improving the health and welfare of shelter animals.

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