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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 86

Offered January 29, 2018

*Commending the Louisa Community Animal Response Team.*

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WHEREAS, in July of 2017, members of the Louisa Community Animal Response Team traveled to Wisconsin, where they generously volunteered as caretakers for a large collection of dogs and horses seized in an animal cruelty investigation; and

WHEREAS, formed in 2013, the Louisa Community Animal Response Team (CART) is an all-volunteer organization devoted to providing humane shelter and management for animals, especially in the aftermath of natural disasters and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Louisa CART is managed under the Louisa County Department of Emergency Management and has earned recognition as a State Animal Response Team (SART); and

WHEREAS, in July of 2017, Louisa CART members Donnie Embrey, Rhonda Embrey, Eric Glenn, and Lindsey Devenney answered a call from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) for emergency volunteers in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Louisa CART's activities included cleaning cages and stalls and socializing nearly 50 horses and dogs that had been rescued from deplorable living conditions on a farm in Crandon, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, by volunteering in Wisconsin, the Louisa CART became the first ever CART to deploy outside the Commonwealth to assist another agency; and

WHEREAS, the Louisa CART's service in Wisconsin earned it the gratitude of the ASPCA, as well as the support and admiration of countless Louisa residents; and

WHEREAS, since returning from Wisconsin, the Louisa CART has continued to serve the community; in November of 2017, its volunteers seized and cared for 525 neglected horses, sheep, goats, emus, chickens, turkeys, cats, and other animals that were rescued in one of the largest animal hoarding cases in Virginia history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Louisa Community Animal Response Team for traveling to Wisconsin to assist in emergency animal care efforts, and for its ongoing commitment to caring for animals in the Louisa community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Louisa Community Animal Rescue Team as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its exemplary animal sheltering and management efforts and best wishes for continued success.

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