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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 169

Offered February 23, 2019

Commending Meghan Conti.

Patron—DeSteph

Unanimous consent to introduce

WHEREAS, Meghan Conti, an animal control supervisor with the City of Virginia Beach, helped make dogs and cats in the Commonwealth safer through her passionate advocacy; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, after a dog named Sugar was brutally attacked with a machete, Meghan Conti made it her personal mission to raise the penalty for maliciously wounding or torturing a dog or cat from a Class 1 misdemeanor to a Class 6 felony; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her normal duties with Virginia Beach Animal Control, Meghan Conti drove to Richmond multiple times to attend committee and subcommittee meetings to provide her expert testimony on the importance of implementing laws against animal cruelty; and

WHEREAS, Meghan Conti's work is a tribute not only to Sugar, who survived her attack, but to all animals that have suffered cruelty, including Tommie, a dog who died from his injuries after he was tied to a pole and set on fire in 2019; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that people who abuse animals are a threat to public safety, Meghan Conti will continue her compassionate work to advocate for stronger laws against animal cruelty in Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Meghan Conti hereby be commended for her diligent efforts to reduce instances of animal cruelty and make dogs and cats in the Commonwealth safer; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Meghan Conti as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for her leadership, advocacy, and service to the Commonwealth.

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