

## 2023 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 321

*Commending Samuel W. Tate, DVM.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2023

WHEREAS, Samuel W. Tate, DVM, has ably served the Commonwealth as a veterinarian member of the Virginia State Animal Response Team since its inception in 2007 and has served as secretary since 2008; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Tate has been a major contributor to the Commonwealth of Virginia Pet Evacuation and Shelter Plan; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Tate served as a veterinarian member with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management annex to the Virginia Emergency Operations Plan; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Virginia State Animal Response Team (VASART) includes assisting localities in establishing Community Animal Response Teams (CARTS); Samuel Tate participated in the organization and training of 17 pet shelter teams and 11 CARTS, which responded to shelter needs in eight declared states of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Tate has been a featured speaker on disaster preparedness for numerous organizational conferences hosted by the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association, Virginia Federation of Humane Societies, Virginia Animal Control Association, Virginia State Employees Disaster Preparedness Expo, United States Navy Disaster Preparedness Expo, USDA Disaster Preparedness Expo, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, and U.S. Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Tate has also served as a veterinarian on the Virginia Pet Sheltering Working Group, as a member of the Virginia Veterinary Reserve Corps, and as an augmentee to Emergency Support Function 11 (Agriculture) in the Virginia Emergency Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Tate committed his professional and personal passion to the future of animal health and emergency preparedness with great resolve and dedication; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Samuel W. Tate, DVM, hereby be commended for his lifetime commitment to veterinary services and emergency preparedness on the occasion of his retirement from the Virginia State Animal Response Team after 16 years of exceptional leadership; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Samuel W. Tate, DVM, as an expression of the House of Delegates' gratitude for his outstanding service to the Commonwealth.

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