2022 SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 193

Commending Angels of Assisi.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 14, 2022
Agreed to by the Senate, February 17, 2022

WHEREAS, Angels of Assisi, a nonprofit animal welfare organization serving Southwest Virginia and West Virginia, celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Angels of Assisi goes beyond the role of a traditional animal shelter and adoption center by offering a multitude of services, including a community pet hospital, rural veterinary care, investigations into animal cruelty, disaster response, and a safety net program for pet owners dealing with domestic violence or emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Angels of Assisi established its Harmony Farm Sanctuary in 2003 to shelter and protect farm animals who had been victims of cruelty or abuse; today, more than 200 animals call the farm home; and

WHEREAS, Angels of Assisi's impact in the community since it was founded in 2001 includes more than 80,000 wellness and sick exams, 7,500 cat sterilizations, 25,000 rehabilitations and adoptions, 125,000 spay and neuter surgeries, and 1,750 rescued animals; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the extraordinary service it provides to the residents and animals of Roanoke, Angels of Assisi received Best of 2021 awards from *The Roanoker* in the categories of "Most Worthy Group to Donate To" and "Best Veterinarian Services"; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Angels of Assisi are the result of the hard work and dedication of its staff and the unwavering generosity of its volunteers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Angels of Assisi on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lisa O'Neill, executive director of Angels of Assisi, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.