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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 161

Offered February 23, 2022

*Commending Sue Bell.*

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WHEREAS, Sue Bell, founder and executive director of Homeward Trails Animal Rescue, has coordinated adoptions for more than 150 dogs rescued from a breeding and research facility; and

WHEREAS, Sue Bell established Homeward Trails Animal Rescue in 2001, when she began fostering three dogs from a shelter in West Virginia that had been damaged in a flood; she subsequently worked with the shelter to arrange adoptions in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, under Sue Bell's visionary leadership, Homeward Trails Animal Rescue has rescued more than 30,000 animals and provides adoption services in Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland; and

WHEREAS, in February 2022, Sue Bell and Homeward Trails Animal Rescue acquired 150 beagle puppies from a facility that was cited for multiple animal welfare violations, including dirty living conditions and untreated illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Sue Bell and Homeward Trails Animal Rescue arranged transfer of the dogs to Kindness Animal Ranch Sanctuary in Wyoming, a specialized facility with an outstanding record of retraining and rehoming former research and lab dogs; and

WHEREAS, Sue Bell and Homeward Trails Animal Rescue plan to continue their good work, with a goal of adopting as many as 400 dogs in need of care and permanent homes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Sue Bell for her work to find homes for the Envigo beagles; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sue Bell as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her kindness and commitment to animal welfare.

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