

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Holly Frederick Reynolds for her animal rights advocacy.

WHEREAS, Holly Frederick Reynolds's life is marked by her undaunted confidence and enthusiastic resolve to fight for what she believes in; these qualities are why Jeff Dorson, the executive director of the Humane Society of Louisiana, said "Holly is by far the greatest animal rights advocate in the state"; and

WHEREAS, Holly Reynolds was not always a full-time animal rights advocate; she graduated from Louisiana State University with a master's degree in recreation in 1941, and she worked for the state hospitals in Mandeville and Jackson from 1953 until 1977; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reynolds founded a humane society in St. Tammany Parish in 1953; when she learned the Baton Rouge branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals had closed its doors, she moved to the capital city and in 1979 founded the Capital Area Animal Welfare Society; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reynolds continued her work for increased animal rights by teaming up with Representative Garey Forster and the Legislature of Louisiana in 1983 to help pass Louisiana's first dogfighting laws; her efforts helped make dogfighting a felony in the state; and

WHEREAS, true to her steadfast nature, she ensured that her efforts would continue to progress by establishing the Holly Frederick Reynolds Support Foundation for Animal Welfare in 1997; she also generously funded the foundation to help ensure its longevity; today, the foundation makes annual contributions to various animal welfare groups, and most recently, she requested that the foundation donate \$5,000 to purchase pet food for animal owners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reynolds has not let her age temper her relentless pursuit of increased rights for animals; at one hundred and two years old, she continues lobbying at the capitol; and

WHEREAS, Holly Reynolds is truly an exceptional individual; her acute sense of civic duty and passion for animal rights is immensely inspiring, and her tireless efforts to achieve equality for all living things is most deserving of the highest recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Holly Frederick Reynolds for decades of animal rights advocacy; does hereby thank Ms. Reynolds for her passionate pursuit of animal welfare through social activism and the democratic process; and does hereby extend most sincere wishes that she continue to enjoy good health as she fights for what she believes in.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Holly Frederick Reynolds.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE