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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 155

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Commending the Virginia Coalition for Beagle Protection.

Patrons—Kory, Bennett-Parker, Carr, Convirs-Fowler, Gooditis, Hope, Jenkins, McQuinn, Rasoul, Shin, Simonds and Willett

WHEREAS, the Virginia Coalition for Beagle Protection, a consortium of organizations that have coalesced to advocate for policies that will ensure the safety of beagles and other canines, has ably represented the interests and concerns of many Virginians; and

WHEREAS, after violations of the Animal Welfare Act were discovered at Envigo, a commercial dog breeding facility in Cumberland that supports laboratory research in the Commonwealth and abroad, politicians and advocacy organizations associated with the Virginia Coalition for Beagle Protection responded by calling for reform; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Coalition for Beagle Protection represents the collaborative efforts of 38 animal rescue groups and humane societies to advocate to public leaders to pass legislation that will safeguard dogs at the Envigo facility and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, by encouraging greater protection, oversight, and accountability in the care of dogs bred for research purposes and otherwise, the Virginia Coalition for Beagle Protection has helped the Commonwealth fulfill its commitment to the well-being of all creatures; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Virginia Coalition for Beagle Protection hereby be commended for its advocacy and service in support of the health and welfare of canines; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Coalition for Beagle Protection as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's mission and its contributions to the Commonwealth.

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