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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 161

Offered February 23, 2022

Commending Sue Bell.

Patron—Stanley

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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