

No. R-245. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Central Vermont Humane Society on its 50th anniversary.

(S.C.R.25)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

Whereas, the Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare are freedom 1) from hunger and thirst; 2) from discomfort; 3) from pain, injury, or disease; 4) to express normal behavior; and 5) from fear and distress, and

Whereas, using these five freedoms as its motivation, the Central Vermont Humane Society (CVHS) was established in 1964 with a mission “to protect and advocate for animals in need, and to build a humane community that promotes compassion and seeks to strengthen the human-animal bond,” and

Whereas, this mission is achieved through a collaborative process “with other shelters, rescues, and community partners,” and

Whereas, a core part of the organization’s work is to prevent and address animal cruelty and neglect, and

Whereas, CVHS operates shelters for domestic dogs, cats, and other small animals, and

Whereas, other important CVHS roles are providing low-cost rabies vaccinations and microchip identification for animals and offering their human guardians instruction in animal care, and

Whereas, CVHS also directs its attention to younger animal lovers through its Humane Heroes kids club as well as a summer camp program, and

Whereas, volunteers and interns, who donate hundreds of hours of their time each year, are essential to the successful operation of CVHS, and

Whereas, in 2015, CVHS celebrated a half-century of performing good deeds on behalf of domestic pets and small animals in Vermont and campaigning against animal cruelty, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Central Vermont Humane Society on its 50th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Central Vermont Humane Society.