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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Studies in psychology, sociology, and criminology
3 have demonstrated that violent offenders frequently have
4 childhood and adolescent histories of serious and repeated
5 cruelty towards companion animals; and

6 WHEREAS, Additionally, mental health professionals and top
7 law enforcement officials consider the blatant disregard for
8 life and suffering evidence by all forms of cruelty to
9 companion animals to be an unquestionable warning sign of
10 future violent behavior; and

11 WHEREAS, Intentional cruelty toward companion animals is
12 of particular concern as it is a sign of psychological distress
13 and often indicates an individual may be predisposed to
14 committing acts of violence towards humans; and

15 WHEREAS, The American Psychiatric Association identifies
16 cruelty to companion animals as one of the diagnostic criteria
17 for conduct disorders; and

18 WHEREAS, Types of companion animal abuse include passive
19 and active cruelty; and

20 WHEREAS, Passive cruelty is typified by cases of neglect

1 such as starvation, lack of shelter, and failure to seek
2 veterinary care; and

3 WHEREAS, Active cruelty is inflicted with deliberate
4 intent to harm an animal creating immediate pain and suffering;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, 70% of companion animals that are abused are dogs,
7 and 20% are cats; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 urge the citizens of Illinois to educate themselves on the
11 signs and types of companion animal cruelty so that they can
12 report it when they see it; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we urge all owners of companion animals
14 treat them with the utmost respect.