

By Senator Sobel

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending Victoria Q. Gaetz for her lifelong commitment to the welfare of animals.

WHEREAS, from a young age, Niceville resident Victoria Q. Gaetz has made the welfare of animals a priority, and

WHEREAS, one of the early memories of her children is the time Victoria Q. Gaetz noticed that a baby blue jay had fallen from a tree at their Miami home, so she scooped up the bird and took it to a veterinarian for care, and

WHEREAS, after Victoria Q. Gaetz and her husband, Senator Don Gaetz, purchased their home in Seaside, the family began feeding the numerous stray cats they discovered there, gaining the animals' trust and eventually taking them to a local veterinarian for checkups and neutering or spaying, and

WHEREAS, Victoria Q. Gaetz keeps cat and dog food in the back of her car so that she can provide a meal to any stray she meets, even stopping in heavy traffic to put out food for them, and

WHEREAS, during the last three decades, Victoria Q. Gaetz has rescued six cats – Cornelius, Chloe, Tiger Lily, Isabella, Tuxedo, and Cupcake – and three dogs – Scarlett, Stella, and Fairbanks, and

WHEREAS, Victoria Q. Gaetz compassionately volunteers time and donates resources to such local animal rescue organizations as Alaqua Animal Refuge, Spay Fairy Farm, and Save Our Cats and Kittens, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Senate commends lifelong advocate Victoria Q. Gaetz for her devotion to the welfare of animals.