

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 627

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Asheville Highway Animal Hospital on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we specially recognize those facilities that are dedicated to the future of veterinary medicine and pet owner education, introducing students to the profession and showing them firsthand how to care for animals; and

WHEREAS, one such entity is Asheville Highway Animal Hospital in Knoxville, which was originally established as a one-veterinarian animal clinic in 1979 by Dr. Joseph Kendrick and his wife, the late Gloria Kendrick; and

WHEREAS, clients of the new animal clinic were educated by Dr. Kendrick on the importance of preventative medicine as he provided high-quality care for their animals; and

WHEREAS, the practice expanded when Dr. Kendrick's two sons, the late Dr. Brian Kendrick and Dr. Ricardo Kendrick, and his daughter-in-law, Dr. Reichla West-Kendrick, joined the family business; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the clinic grew into a new hospital, covering over 8,000 square feet with room to provide comfort for its clients and more services for their pets; and

WHEREAS, over the past four decades, Asheville Highway Animal Hospital has worked to serve its community by partnering with local schools and organizations, educating school children about the veterinary field and how to care for their pets; and

WHEREAS, the Asheville Highway Animal Hospital also operates a Future Vet Program, which encourages students from the area to spend one week shadowing the hospital's five veterinarians and helps organize and participate in a number of family-friendly community events, such as Fall Festival and Operation Kibble; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we recognize this sterling animal facility on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Asheville Highway Animal Hospital on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary and extend our best wishes for much continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.