

House Resolution 106

By: Representatives England of the 116th, Quick of the 117th, and Kirby of the 114th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Barrow County Animal Control for its excellent work and
2 efforts to rescue, transfer, and find adoptive homes for abandoned animals; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the animal shelter of Barrow County Animal Control implemented an effective
5 volunteer program in 2013, which has been essential to ensuring successful adoption,
6 transfer, and reclamation rates; and

7 WHEREAS, dedicated volunteers and hardworking staff operate the animal control center
8 six days a week to find and secure placements, treat illnesses, or find transfer agencies for
9 rescues; and

10 WHEREAS, Barrow County Animal Control saved 92 percent of their total canine and feline
11 population in 2016, while continually increasing the numbers of animals adopted; and

12 WHEREAS, the agency is committed to providing enforcement of the Barrow County
13 Animal Control Ordinance to protect the safety of citizens, ensure animals are treated in a
14 humane and compassionate manner, and to actively support the rescue and adoption of
15 animals from the shelter; and

16 WHEREAS, the shelter staff includes: director, Jackie Nguyen; office manager, Candice
17 Hardie; kennel tech, Kendra Turk; and officers, Donnie Lanier, Russell Gunter, Colleen
18 Head, and Randy Greer, who, with the assistance of 40 volunteers, service 35 animals on a
19 regular basis and upwards of 100 animals during the summer; and

20 WHEREAS, the rate of euthanized animals has continuously decreased over the past four
21 years; likewise, euthanasia rates have decreased by 5 percent in the past year due to effective
22 implementation of utilized vaccination, expanded adoption time and kennel stay, plus
23 improved care and attention to the animals provided by the volunteers; and

24 WHEREAS, partnerships and outreach with community businesses, animal aid organizations,
25 and individual contributions have led to expansion of the Barrow County Animal Control
26 Center.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Barrow County Animal Control for its
29 outstanding work to rescue, assist, and find adoptive homes for animals in need.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Barrow County Animal Control.