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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the efforts of  
2           Humane Fort Wayne and Humane Indiana in Munster to help  
3           rescue beagles from animal testing.

4           *Whereas, In July of 2022, 4,000 beagles were rescued from*  
5           *a breeding facility based in Cumberland, Virginia, which is*  
6           *owned by Indiana-based Envigo, a company that breeds*  
7           *animals for laboratory testing across the country;*

8           *Whereas, Envigo was found to be in violation of federal*  
9           *regulations at the Virginia location after officials found the*  
10          *beagles hungry, sick, mistreated and, in some cases, dead;*

11          *Whereas, A federal judge approved a plan to rescue the*  
12          *beagles, and a nationwide effort of rescue organizations,*  
13          *volunteers, and would-be owners was mobilized to help;*

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1       *Whereas, The U.S. Humane Society worked with federal*  
2 *authorities to rehome the dogs, and rescue groups across the*  
3 *country took them in, including Humane Fort Wayne and*  
4 *Humane Indiana in Munster;*

5       *Whereas, Humane Fort Wayne took in 25 beagles in early*  
6 *August, and 18 of those were adopted within the first day of*  
7 *being available, while the remaining seven were all adopted*  
8 *soon after;*

9       *Whereas, Due to the overwhelming response from the*  
10 *community, Humane Fort Wayne decided to take in 25 more*  
11 *beagles at the end of August, bringing their total to 50 rescued*  
12 *dogs;*

13       *Whereas, Humane Indiana in Munster took in 29 beagles*  
14 *that were also quickly adopted;*

15       *Whereas, Many of the rescued dogs were only a year old,*  
16 *meaning they spent the first year of their life in captivity with*  
17 *the only purpose of being used for laboratory testing; and*

18       *Whereas, Due to the efforts of Humane Fort Wayne, Humane*  
19 *Indiana in Munster, and the many other organizations around*  
20 *the country that stepped up to help these animals in need, there*  
21 *are 79 fewer dogs in lab testing and 79 happier families:*  
22 *Therefore,*

23       *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
24 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

25       SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
26 recognizes the work of Humane Fort Wayne and Humane  
27 Indiana in Munster in rescuing and rehoming 79 beagles that  
28 were going to be used for laboratory testing.

29       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
30 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to State  
31 Representative Phil GiaQuinta for distribution.

