

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

BY SENATOR MORRELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend Sue Schindler and other corporate mechanics at Lakefront Airport for saving the lives of animals.

WHEREAS, every year, millions of cats and dogs are euthanized in our nation's animal shelters because there are more companion animals than there are responsible homes for them; and

WHEREAS, far too many animals in this country are initially loved and then neglected or abandoned over time because owners decide too late that caring for pets is more responsibility than they actually want; and

WHEREAS, foster parents provide temporary care for cats, kittens, dogs and puppies in their own homes; and by offering their time, energy and home to an animal in need, they prepare the animal for adoption into a permanent home as well as help prevent overcrowding in shelters; and

WHEREAS, around June of 2007, as Sue Schindler was hard at work at her job as a corporate mechanic at Lakefront Airport, she and her co-workers heard some kittens crying; and

WHEREAS, the Lakefront Airport had been using trailers as temporary quarters after Hurricane Katrina and were moving them out; and cats and kittens had been using the trailers as shelter since the storm; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Schindler remembered seeing an adoption day sign at Petco in Metairie, so she called them, and they put her in touch with Riverlands Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Laplace; and

WHEREAS, some shelters put the cats and dogs down, and Ms. Schindler couldn't even think of doing that, so she brought them to Riverlands, which finds foster homes for the animals until they can get permanently adopted; and

WHEREAS, Schindler soon began to foster animals at her home in Slidell where she cares for an average of about fifteen animals from two weeks to as long as three to six months; and

WHEREAS, at one point she had forty-three cats housed at her home; and

WHEREAS, she has spent as much as one thousand dollars a month on an average for any given month for food, medical supplies, veterinarians and flea and parasite prevention, depending on the number of animals she has; and

WHEREAS, most Saturdays and Sundays, Ms. Schindler brings her fostered pets to local pet stores in East Jefferson and Slidell, which provides her with a location to show them.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Sue Schindler and the other corporate mechanics at Lakefront Airport for saving the lives of animals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sue Schindler and the Lakefront Airport.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE