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Senate Resolution No. 1410

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMEMORATING the 150th Anniversary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Serving Erie County

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations and individuals who would faithfully dedicate themselves to the care and protection of animals; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Serving Erie County; and

WHEREAS, Established on April 4, 1867, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Serving Erie County is the second-oldest humane society in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the SPCA Serving Erie County creates a caring and kind community which encourages fair and humane treatment of all creatures; and

WHEREAS, SPCA Serving Erie County's knowledgeable, caring, and open-minded team of staff and volunteers achieve this mission through proactive efforts to address the current status of animals in its

community, as well as through the education of adults and children, the rescue and sheltering of animals in need, and the placement of animals into appropriate homes; and

WHEREAS, Caring for nearly 12,000 animals each year, the SPCA Serving Erie County offers numerous vital programs some of which include adoptions, admissions, animal rescues, animal emergency transports, stray lost and found services, animal cruelty investigations and seizures, and care for wildlife, reptiles, exotics, and farm animals; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the SPCA Serving Erie County is one of few humane societies in the country with an on-site surgical suite for animal sterilization, surgery and overall care; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 150 year history, the SPCA Serving Erie County has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the SPCA Serving Erie County is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff and volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the SPCA Serving Erie County; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when

organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Serving Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Serving Erie County.