HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4656, by Representatives Wicks, Walen, Fitzgibbon, Chapman, Ryu, Dolan, Santos, and Morgan

WHEREAS, There are thousands of therapy animal teams serving in communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Therapy animal teams in Washington play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

WHEREAS, Therapy animal teams make millions of visits per year in settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, and hospice; and

WHEREAS, Therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our communities across Washington including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literacy challenges, and those approaching end of life; and

WHEREAS, These exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions bring comfort and healing to those in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and encourage Washingtonians to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives publicly salute the service of therapy animal teams in our Washington communities and in communities across the nation.