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

1 WHEREAS, There are thousands of therapy animal teams serving in 2 communities across the United States; and 3 WHEREAS, Therapy animal teams in Washington play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-4 5 animal bond; and 6 WHEREAS, Therapy animal teams make millions of visits per year in 7 settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, and hospice; and 8 WHEREAS, Therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people 9 in our communities across Washington including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literacy challenges, and those approaching 10 end of life; and 11 12 WHEREAS, These exceptional therapy animals who partner with their 13 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

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives 18 publicly salute the service of therapy animal teams in our Washington 19 communities and in communities across the nation.

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I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4656 adopted by the House of Representatives February 24, 2022 6 Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk