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H. RES. 433

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the practice of using gas chambers to euthanize stray cats and dogs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 5, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

RESOLUTION

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Whereas approximately 3,400,000 animals are euthanized in the United States each year;

Whereas approximately three percent of all cats and dogs in the United States are euthanized in gas chambers each year;

Whereas 23 States have banned the use of gas chambers to euthanize animals;

Whereas several States are currently considering legislation banning the use of gas chambers to euthanize animals;

Whereas the American Veterinary Medical Association does not consider euthanasia through the use of gas chambers an unconditionally acceptable method of euthanasia;

Whereas gas chambers cause stress in dogs and cats and cannot guarantee a humane death especially for ill, young, or old dogs and cats;

Whereas gas chambers pose great dangers of significant psychological and physical harm to staff and volunteers in shelters, including bites and scratches while transporting animals and injuries from leaks or misuse of noxious gases;

Whereas euthanasia by injection has been proven to be more safe, cost effective, and humane in numerous studies;

Whereas many cats and dogs run away from their owners each year; and

Whereas many lost cats and dogs with owners are among those euthanized in gas chambers each year: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives ex-
 2 presses its dissatisfaction that the practice of using gas
 3 chambers to euthanize stray cats and dogs continues in
 4 the United States in the 21st century.

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