

Rep. Cole offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 294.**

A resolution to reject the deceptive and anti-hunting practices of the Humane Society of the United States and instead support local independent humane societies.

Whereas, The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) bills itself as the largest animal protection organization in the nation, actively working to protect all animals including wildlife, farm animals, and companion animals; and

Whereas, The HSUS propaganda of using monetary donations to help the distressed and endangered animals depicted in late night television commercials is deceptive and misleading. In 2015, the HSUS donated less than 20 percent of its \$133 million budget to the actual care and protection of animals. The majority of donations are used to pay the salaries of executives and frivolous lawsuits against pet stores, hardworking farmers, and hunters. In 2014 alone, HSUS paid nearly 40 percent in compensation to its employees; and

Whereas, The HSUS has actively participated and funded efforts in multiple states to diminish conservation through hunting, including Maine, California, Arizona, and Michigan. The HSUS's actions have had a negative impact on Michigan's rich hunting and conservation heritage which not only protects and preserves our natural resources, but generates over 46,000 direct jobs and contributes over \$3.4 billion in economic impact; and

Whereas, Citizens of Michigan who want to support organizations that protect animals should seek out local, independent humane societies that are not affiliated with the HSUS. Local independent humane societies are in our communities and rely on local donations and volunteers to care for animals. Unlike the HSUS, local independent humane societies prioritize ending animal abuse and assisting animals in our own municipalities, especially those that are abused and neglected. These local organizations, not the HSUS, deserve our time and money to solve problems in our own neighborhoods; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we reject the deceptive and anti-hunting practices of the Humane Society of the United States and instead support local independent humane societies; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Humane Society of the United States.