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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The volunteers, staff, and board members who make up
2 the Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates network are gathering
3 in Austin on February 17, 2021, for CASA Day at the State Capitol;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Texas CASA is part of a national volunteer movement
6 that began in 1977 and enlists local community volunteers to
7 support children and families involved in the foster care system;
8 beginning in 1979 with the first CASA program in Dallas, and
9 followed by the formation of Texas CASA in 1989, judges and
10 communities across the state have worked to expand CASA's
11 initiatives; and

12 WHEREAS, Providing 72 local programs in 219 of the state's
13 254 counties, Texas CASA has grown to become one of the largest such
14 initiatives in the nation; through their advocacy efforts in the
15 2020 fiscal year, CASA volunteers made a difference for 29,229
16 youth by helping build community connections and pathways to
17 resiliency and healing from trauma; and

18 WHEREAS, CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge to provide
19 valuable information and to make informed recommendations to courts
20 that serve the best interests of each child; and

21 WHEREAS, The CASA network in Texas works tirelessly to ensure
22 that the organization grows in size in order to serve more children
23 and families and grows in understanding and practice to ensure that
24 CASA serves those children and families as informed, collaborative

1 partners in an ever-evolving system of care; and

2 WHEREAS, All those associated with CASA are truly deserving
3 of recognition for their important work and service to the State of
4 Texas, its courts, its children, and its families; now, therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 17, 2021, as CASA Day at the
8 State Capitol and commend the organization for its diligent efforts
9 to aid abused and neglected children; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for CASA as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
12 of Representatives.