

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Since 1993, Court Appointed Special Advocates from  
2 CASA of the South Plains have helped more than 5,000 area children  
3 in need; and

4           WHEREAS, CASA advocates serve as guardians ad litem, looking  
5 out for the best interests of children suffering from abuse or  
6 neglect; they are appointed by judges to watch over these children  
7 and to ensure that they get the attention they deserve in the often  
8 overburdened legal, social service, and foster care systems; and

9           WHEREAS, Originally known as CASA of Lubbock, CASA of the  
10 South Plains changed its name in 2000 to reflect its geographic  
11 expansion; the program began with two employees and today has 13  
12 full-time employees and approximately 150 advocates who serve  
13 children in courts in Cochran, Hale, Hockley, Terry, and Yoakum  
14 Counties; and

15           WHEREAS, CASA of the South Plains helped place 263 children  
16 in safe homes during 2009, and advocates donated more than 7,000  
17 hours of their time; in addition, 55 new volunteers were trained  
18 that year; 2010 brought numerous accomplishments, including such  
19 successful fund-raising efforts as the third Speak Up For Kids 5K,  
20 Casas for CASA, and the Champions for Children Fund-raising  
21 Breakfast; and

22           WHEREAS, Through their compassion, dedication, and hard  
23 work, CASA of the South Plains advocates have made a positive and  
24 lasting impact in the lives of children and families in their

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1 communities, and it is indeed fitting to honor them for their  
2 commitment to the young people of Texas; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby commend the members of CASA of the South Plains  
5 for their service and extend to them sincere best wishes for  
6 continued success with their important work; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for CASA of the South Plains as an expression of high  
9 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 437 was adopted by the House on March 3, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House