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H.R. No. 437

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

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.