

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 organization are
3 gathering in Austin on February 12, 2015, for CASA Day at the State
4 Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Texas CASA is part of a national volunteer movement
6 begun in the 1970s that enlists community volunteers to serve as
7 court advocates for abused and neglected children; these volunteers
8 research the child's situation, provide critical information and
9 recommendations to judges about what is best for the child, and help
10 ensure that children in the foster care system find safe, permanent
11 homes as soon as possible; and

12 WHEREAS, The first CASA program in Texas began in Dallas some
13 35 years ago; Texas CASA was formed in 1989 and recently celebrated
14 its 25th anniversary; Texas CASA provides funding, training,
15 coordination, and assistance to 71 local CASA programs statewide
16 that last year engaged more than 8,000 volunteers, who gave
17 life-changing advocacy, help, and encouragement to 24,742
18 children, more than 50 percent of the children in the foster care
19 system; and

20 WHEREAS, CASA volunteers help to give children in the foster
21 care system hope for a better future and provide courts with
22 information they need to make well-informed decisions in child
23 protective services cases, and their efforts help to ensure that
24 the system functions as intended; all those associated with CASA

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1 are truly deserving of recognition for their service to the State of
2 Texas, its courts, and its children; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2015, as CASA Day at the
5 State Capitol and commend the organization for its noble efforts to
6 aid abused and neglected children; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 440 was adopted by the House on February 12, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House