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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Bobby Velarde has made a positive difference in the
- 2 lives of area children in need by serving as a Court Appointed
- 3 Special Advocate volunteer; and
- 4 WHEREAS, CASA is a nonprofit organization that relies on
- 5 trained volunteers to act as representatives for children who are
- 6 removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect; through the
- 7 program, advocates are assigned to gather information and make
- 8 recommendations that assist judges in reaching decisions that serve
- 9 the best interests of each child; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The dedicated men and women of CASA provide children
- 11 with a crucial voice in the often overburdened judicial and
- 12 protective services systems and ensure that they receive the
- 13 attention they need until they are placed in a permanent home; in
- 14 many cases, advocates offer a rare source of stability to young
- 15 people coping with a traumatic and uncertain time in their lives;
- 16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, The safety and well-being of children are of deep
- 18 concern to all citizens, and by devoting considerable time and
- 19 effort to fulfill a critical need in the community, Bobby Velarde
- 20 has set an admirable example to which others may aspire; now,
- 21 therefore, be it
- 22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
- 23 Legislature hereby commend Bobby Velarde for serving as a Court
- 24 Appointed Special Advocate volunteer and extend to this caring

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- 1 Texan sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further
- 2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 3 prepared for Bobby Velarde as an expression of high regard by the
- 4 Texas House of Representatives.