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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Heather Wales 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

WHEREAS, CASA is a nonprofit organization that relies on trained volunteers to act as representatives for children who are removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect; through the program, advocates are assigned to gather information and make recommendations that assist judges in reaching decisions that serve the best interests of each child; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated men and women of CASA provide children with a crucial voice in the often overburdened judicial and protective services systems and ensure that they receive the attention they need until they are placed in a permanent home; in many cases, advocates offer a rare source of stability to young people coping with a traumatic and uncertain time in their lives; and

WHEREAS, The safety and well-being of children are of deep concern to all citizens, and by devoting considerable time and effort to fulfill a critical need in the community, Heather Wales has set an admirable example to which others may aspire; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas 23 Legislature hereby commend Heather Wales for serving as a Court 24 Appointed Special Advocate volunteer and extend to this caring

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Texan sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
prepared for Heather Wales as an expression of high regard by the
Texas House of Representatives.