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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Carla Smith 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, Carla Smith has  
20 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 Carla Smith for serving as a Court  
24 Appointed Special Advocate volunteer and extend to this caring

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 Carla Smith as an expression of high regard by the

4 Texas House of Representatives.