

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 16, 2017, 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 more
13 than 35 years ago, and Texas CASA was formed in 1989; the
14 organization provides funding, training, coordination, and
15 assistance to 72 local CASA programs statewide that last year
16 engaged more than 9,100 volunteers, who gave life-changing
17 advocacy, help, and encouragement to nearly 28,000 children and
18 young people in state care; and

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

1 Texas, its courts, and its children; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize February 16, 2017, as CASA Day at the
4 State Capitol and commend the organization for its noble efforts to
5 aid abused and neglected children; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 398

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 398 was adopted by the House on February 16, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House