

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 network are gathering  
3 in Austin on March 1, 2023, for CASA Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Texas CASA is part of a national volunteer movement  
5 that began in 1977 and enlists local community volunteers to  
6 support children and families involved in the foster care system;  
7 beginning in 1979 with the first CASA program in Dallas, and  
8 followed by the formation of Texas CASA in 1989, judges and  
9 communities across the state have worked to expand CASA's services;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Providing 73 local programs in 219 of the state's  
12 254 counties, Texas CASA has grown to become one of the largest such  
13 initiatives in the nation; through their advocacy efforts in the  
14 2022 fiscal year, CASA volunteers made a difference for nearly  
15 24,000 youth by helping to build family connections and working to  
16 address each child's mental, medical, and educational needs during  
17 their time in foster care; and

18 WHEREAS, CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge to provide  
19 valuable information and to make informed recommendations to courts  
20 that serve the best interests of each child; and

21 WHEREAS, The CASA network in Texas works tirelessly to ensure  
22 that the organization grows in size in order to serve more children  
23 and families and grows in understanding and practice to ensure that  
24 CASA serves those children and families as informed, collaborative

1 partners in an ever-evolving system of care; and

2 WHEREAS, All those associated with CASA are truly deserving  
3 of recognition for their important work and service to the State of  
4 Texas, its courts, its children, and its families; now, therefore,  
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2023, as CASA Day at the State  
8 Capitol and commend the organization for its diligent efforts to  
9 aid abused and neglected children in the State of Texas; and, be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for CASA as an expression of high regard by the Texas House  
13 of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 426

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 426 was adopted by the House on March 1, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House