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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.