

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 311

WHEREAS, The volunteers, staff, and board members who make up the Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates network are gathering in Austin on March 27, 2025, for CASA Day at the State Capitol; and

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

WHEREAS, Providing 74 local programs in 220 of the state's 254 counties, Texas CASA has grown to become one of the largest such programs in the nation; through their advocacy efforts in the 2024 fiscal year, CASA volunteers made a difference for nearly 18,000 youth by helping to build family connections and working to address each child's mental, medical, and educational needs during their time in foster care; and

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

WHEREAS, The CASA network in Texas is dedicated to expanding to reach more children and families while continuously growing in knowledge and practice; these efforts ensure that CASA serves as informed, collaborative partners in an ever-evolving system of care that provides the best possible advocacy and support; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby recognize March 27, 2025, as CASA Day at the State Capitol and commend the organization for its diligent efforts to aid abused and neglected children in the State of Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for CASA as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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Blanco
Cook
Eckhardt

Gutierrez
Hancock
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Patrick, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 27, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate