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RESOLUTION

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 27, 2025, 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 74 local programs in 220 of the state's
12 254 counties, Texas CASA has grown to become one of the largest such
13 programs in the nation; through their advocacy efforts in the 2024
14 fiscal year, CASA volunteers made a difference for nearly 18,000
15 youth by helping to build family connections and working to address
16 each child's mental, medical, and educational needs during their
17 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 is dedicated to expanding
22 to reach more children and families while continuously growing in
23 knowledge and practice; these efforts ensure that CASA serves as
24 informed, collaborative partners in an ever-evolving system of care

1 that provides the best possible advocacy and support; 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 Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
7 hereby recognize March 27, 2025, as CASA Day at the State Capitol
8 and commend the organization for its diligent efforts to aid abused
9 and neglected children in the State of Texas; and, be it further

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