

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57

BY SENATOR JOHN SMITH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends James Evans for being selected as the Louisiana CASA Child Advocate of the Year.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend James Evans for being selected as the Louisiana CASA Child Advocate of the
3 Year.

4 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens of Louisiana and the Senate of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana recognize CASA Child Advocate of the Year, James Evans; and

6 WHEREAS, Louisiana's citizens pride themselves on giving back to their
7 communities by contributing to the quality of life of our citizens, and eighty-nine year old
8 James Evans is no different; and

9 WHEREAS, in association with the national organization, Court Appointed Special
10 Advocate (CASA) programs across Louisiana speak for the best interests of abused and
11 neglected children who are under the purview of juvenile courts; and

12 WHEREAS, CASA advocates have thirty-plus hours of training, pass extensive
13 background and child abuse registry checks, are judge-sworn officers of the court, and work
14 tirelessly to gather and provide to the judge factual information concerning the current status
15 of the child's life, and

16 WHEREAS, it is often said the advocates are the eyes and ears for the judge in cases
17 where the Department of Child and Family Services has removed the child from the home
18 due to abuse or neglect; and

1 WHEREAS, James Evans is very dedicated and experienced and continues to
2 volunteer and give of himself, serving as a powerful voice for the needy children of
3 Louisiana; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans often takes another case immediately after a case is closed
5 due to reunification, adoption, or transferred custody, and he is currently working on his
6 third case in a two-year period; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans prides himself on being a voice for those who cannot be
8 heard, and is always eager to help children find a safe, permanent, and nurturing home as
9 quickly as possible; and

10 WHEREAS, his volunteering does not stop with CASA as he also volunteers for the
11 Salvation Army and Kairos, a ministry that assists inmates in transitioning to productive
12 citizens, and through Kairos, he does weekend and week-long retreats; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans has acquired a great deal of experience and wisdom through
14 his years, is a wonderful, caring person who enjoys helping and dedicating his time
15 volunteering and mentoring, has written two books about his life, and is truly committed to
16 all things in which he is involved; and

17 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
18 and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the character
19 of men like James Evans who dedicate their lives to volunteering and helping others.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby commend James Evans CASA Child Advocate of the Year and the CASA
22 programs in Louisiana and thanks James Evans and CASA for protecting Louisiana's
23 children.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
25 James Evans.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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