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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 126

BY SENATOR NEVERS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Carol "Fran" Nevers on being named the 2015 Louisiana CASA DCFS Staff Member of the Year.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Carol "Fran" Nevers on being named the Louisiana CASA DCFS Staff
3	Member of the Year, and for the leadership, spirit of collaboration, and compassion
4	demonstrated by her consistent service over two decades to the abused and neglected
5	children of Washington and St. Tammany Parishes.
6	WHEREAS, Mrs. Carol "Fran" Nevers has been employed by the Office of
7	Community Services in Washington Parish and has worked in Louisiana's foster care system
8	for more than two decades, serving as a Foster Care Case Manager, a Foster Care Supervisor
9	and currently as Program Operations Manager (POM) for Washington Parish and for two
10	Foster Care units in St. Tammany Parish; and
11	WHEREAS, Carol "Fran" Nevers has long demonstrated a unique ability to work
12	with a specialized caseload of some of the most difficult cases in the Department of Children
13	and Family Services (DCFS) - those cases where children are most at risk of not being
14	reunified with their parents; and
15	WHEREAS, Carol "Fran" Nevers has ensured that Court Appointed Special
16	Advocates, or "CASA" volunteers, regularly are invited to Office of Community Services
17	staffing and team conferences, and that CASA volunteers are offered the opportunity to
18	express their observations, concerns and recommendations on behalf of the children they

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WHEREAS, CASA volunteers report that judges in the 22nd Judicial District Court recognize that, where Carol "Fran" Nevers is involved in a Child in Need of Care (CINC) case before that court, DCFS staff members and CASA volunteers have thoughtfully discussed ahead of time any disagreements as to the best interest of that child in that case, and have endeavored to collaborate prior to bringing the case before the court; and

WHEREAS, Carol "Fran" Nevers' singular gift of collaboration particularly shines through when there is a change in DCFS policy, in that "Fran" reliably works with the Youth Service Bureau CASA staff members to explain how and why the changes are being implemented; and

WHEREAS, Carol "Fran" Nevers has consistently demonstrated a fair-minded approach towards solving problems that may arise in the foster care system, and has been sincere and dedicated to her responsibilities and to creating and maintaining a positive working relationship between DCFS staff members and CASA volunteers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Carol "Fran" Nevers on being named the 2015 Louisiana CASA DCFS Staff Member of the Year and for the leadership, spirit of collaboration, and compassion demonstrated by her consistent service over two decades to the abused and neglected children of Washington and St. Tammany Parishes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Carol "Fran" Nevers.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Julie J. Baxter.

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