

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Commends the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs and volunteers and recognizes April 27, 2021, as CASA Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Tuesday, April 27, 2021, as CASA Day at the state capitol and to commend  
3 the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocate program and volunteers.

4 WHEREAS, the people of Louisiana pride themselves on giving back to the  
5 community and contributing to the improvement of the quality of life of all citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, the Court Appointed Special Advocate, or CASA, programs in  
7 Louisiana, in association with the National CASA Association, speak for the best interests  
8 of abused and neglected children; and

9 WHEREAS, CASA volunteers are citizens appointed by a judge and trained to  
10 represent these children; and

11 WHEREAS, the first CASA program in Louisiana began in 1986 in Orleans Parish;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, in 2021, CASA programs are serving forty-one of forty-two judicial  
14 districts including sixty-one parishes across the state, with donated service hours by CASA  
15 volunteers valued at \$1.36 million; and

16 WHEREAS, nearly 14,000 children in Louisiana suffer some form of abuse or  
17 neglect each year; and

18 WHEREAS, approximately 4,800 of Louisiana's children are currently unable to live  
19 safely with their families and have been placed in foster homes and institutions; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2020, 3,524 Louisiana children were served by 1,583 CASA  
2 volunteers who provided 50,256 hours of volunteer service to Louisiana's foster children;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Louisiana's CASA programs and volunteers merit a special measure of  
5 commendation for the outstanding work they do on behalf of the abused and neglected  
6 children of Louisiana.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commend the Louisiana Court  
9 Appointed Special Advocate programs across the state and the CASA volunteers who give  
10 tirelessly of their time and energy to serve as powerful voices for children and does hereby  
11 recognize Tuesday, April 27, 2021, as CASA Day at the state capitol.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
13 president of the Louisiana CASA Association.

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#### DIGEST

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