

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program and its volunteers

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program and its
3 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 mission of CASA is to give every child who is a victim of abuse or
7 neglect an opportunity to thrive and establish permanence with quality advocacy from a
8 CASA volunteer; and

9 WHEREAS, the CASA programs in Louisiana, in association with the National
10 CASA Association, advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children; CASA
11 volunteers are trained citizens appointed by a judge to represent these children; and

12 WHEREAS, there are seventeen CASA programs serving sixty-one parishes across
13 the state of Louisiana, with donated service hours by CASA volunteers valued at \$1.5
14 million; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2021, there were 47,091 reports of child abuse or neglect in
16 Louisiana; approximately 5,700 of Louisiana's children were unable to live safely with their
17 families and had been placed in foster care; and

18 WHEREAS, in that same year, approximately 3,500 Louisiana children were served
19 by 1,600 CASA volunteers; these volunteers selflessly donated more than 53,000 hours of
20 volunteer service to our state's foster children; and

1 WHEREAS, Sara Ghere, a volunteer with CASA of Terrebonne, has been named
2 CASA Advocate of the Year in recognition of her exemplary service; and

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

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Court Appointed Special
8 Advocate (CASA) program and its volunteers; does hereby further recognize Sara Ghere and
9 all other CASA volunteers for their incredibly selfless service to the abused and neglected
10 children in Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that CASA continue to receive
11 such vital aid and support from generous Louisianans so it can continue to serve as a voice
12 for children in need.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14 executive director of Louisiana CASA.

DIGEST

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