

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

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

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs and
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 ensure a safe, permanent home for all
7 children with quality advocacy from a CASA volunteer; and

8 WHEREAS, the CASA programs in Louisiana, in association with the National
9 CASA Association, speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children; and

10 WHEREAS, CASA volunteers are trained community members appointed by a judge
11 to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children; there were 51,756 reports
12 of child abuse or neglect in Louisiana in 2023; approximately 7,183 of Louisiana's children
13 were unable to live safely with their families and were placed in foster homes and
14 institutions; and

15 WHEREAS, there are seventeen CASA programs serving sixty-one parishes across
16 the state, with donated service hours by CASA volunteers valued at \$1.2 million; in 2023,
17 approximately 3,400 Louisiana children were served by approximately 1,400 CASA
18 volunteers who provided more than 38,000 hours of volunteer service to Louisiana's foster
19 children; and

20 WHEREAS, April 4, 2024, is Louisiana CASA Association's 30th anniversary;
21 Louisiana's CASA programs and all CASA volunteers merit a special measure of

1 commendation for the outstanding work that they do on behalf of the abused and neglected
2 children of Louisiana.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Court Appointed Special
5 Advocate programs, staff, and board members across the state and David Clark, as well as
6 all the CASA volunteers who give tirelessly of their time and energy to serve as powerful
7 voices for children.

DIGEST

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