

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEVE CARTER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates April 26, 2018, as Children's Advocacy Centers Day

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Thursday, April 26, 2018, as Children's Advocacy Centers Day at the state
3 capitol.

4 WHEREAS, April has been designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, one in ten children will be sexually abused by the age of eighteen, and
7 in 2017, twenty-five children in Louisiana died as a result of abuse or neglect; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana's Children's Advocacy Centers, or CACs, have helped to
9 make Louisiana a safer place for children and families since 1991; and

10 WHEREAS, CACs are community-based agencies designed to meet the unique needs
11 of the communities they serve; and

12 WHEREAS, all of Louisiana's parishes are served by the state's sixteen CACs, and
13 thousands of Louisiana's children and their families benefit because of their advocacy,
14 education, and awareness efforts; and

15 WHEREAS, the purpose of Louisiana's CACs is to provide every child victim a
16 comfortable and child-friendly environment; and

17 WHEREAS, Louisiana's CACs help abused or neglected children by providing
18 developmentally appropriate and culturally sensitive forensic interviews, coordinated case
19 planning, and other services to prevent further trauma to the child and promote healing for
20 the child and family; and

1 WHEREAS, CACs use evidence-based practices to support the well-being of
2 children, and such practices have been shown to improve outcomes for children, reduce
3 trauma for families, and save taxpayers money; and

4 WHEREAS, child abuse disproportionately affects communities where resources are
5 not readily available for victims in stressful situations; and

6 WHEREAS, the prevention of child abuse through the strengthening of families is
7 better for children and more cost effective for Louisiana taxpayers; and

8 WHEREAS, CACs work with local communities to educate individuals to prevent,
9 recognize, and respond to child abuse; and

10 WHEREAS, CACs work as part of multidisciplinary teams of professionals; teams
11 include members of law enforcement agencies, child protection services, legal services, the
12 medical profession, the mental health profession, and victim's advocates organizations; and

13 WHEREAS, Louisiana's CACs are well equipped to serve the needs of Louisiana's
14 abused children and are well suited to helping children by coordinating investigations and
15 delivering services.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Thursday, April 26, 2018, as Children's
18 Advocacy Centers Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend the dedication and
19 excellent work of the staffs of Louisiana's Children's Advocacy Centers on behalf of the
20 citizens of Louisiana.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
22 to the Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers board president, Stacie LeBlanc,
23 and executive director, Tyler M. Bosworth.

DIGEST

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