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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

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

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocate programs and volunteers.

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

5 WHEREAS, the mission of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is to
6 ensure a safe, permanent home for all children with quality advocacy from a CASA
7 volunteer; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana CASA volunteers, in association with the National CASA
9 Association, speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children; CASA volunteers
10 are trained community members appointed by a judge to represent such children; and

11 WHEREAS, there are seventeen CASA programs serving sixty-one parishes across
12 Louisiana; Louisiana CASA volunteers have donated roughly \$1.4 million worth of service
13 hours; and

14 WHEREAS, Louisiana saw 51,639 reports of child abuse or neglect in 2022;
15 approximately 6,272 Louisiana children were placed in foster homes and institutions because
16 they were unable to live safely with their families; and

17 WHEREAS, Louisiana CASA received the service of 1,500 volunteers who provided
18 over 50,000 combined service hours to 3,400 Louisiana children; and

19 WHEREAS, CASA of St. Landry-Evangeline volunteer, David Clark, has been
20 named "CASA Advocate of the Year" in recognition of his exemplary service; he and all

1 Louisiana CASA volunteers merit a special measure of commendation for the outstanding
2 work they do on behalf of abused and neglected children in 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 and volunteers; does hereby recognize David Clark for his incredible
6 dedication and service to CASA of St. Landry-Evangeline; and does hereby extend sincerest
7 wishes that these advocates continue to succeed in their efforts to serve abused and neglected
8 children in our state.

DIGEST

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