

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 62

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs and volunteers.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana prides itself on giving back to the community and contributing to the improvement of the quality of life of its citizens; and

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

WHEREAS, nearly fourteen thousand children in Louisiana suffer some form of abuse or neglect each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately four thousand eight hundred of Louisiana's children are currently unable to live safely with their families and have been placed in foster homes and institutions; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, more than three thousand three hundred of Louisiana's children were served by CASA volunteers throughout the state, and over one thousand eight hundred volunteers gave over sixty-five thousand hours of volunteer service to Louisiana's foster children; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs across the state and the CASA volunteers who give tirelessly of their time and energy to serve as powerful voices for children.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES