

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 55

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Recognizes and 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 those children; and

12 WHEREAS, there are seventeen CASA programs serving sixty-one parishes across
13 the state with donated service hours by CASA volunteers valued at \$1.4 million; and

14 WHEREAS, there were 51,639 reports of child abuse or neglect in Louisiana in
15 2022; and

16 WHEREAS, approximately 6,272 of Louisiana's children were served by
17 approximately 1,500 CASA volunteers who provided more than 50,000 hours of volunteer
18 service to Louisiana's foster children; and

