

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY SENATOR ALARIO AND REPRESENTATIVE KLECKLEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend LouisianaChildren.org and its partner programs, Child Advocacy Centers of Louisiana, the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocates Association, and Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana for their efforts to bring education and awareness to the issues of child abuse and abandonment through the "GEAUX BLUE FOR KIDS!" campaign and to recognize Tuesday, April 15, 2014, as "GEAUX BLUE FOR KIDS!" Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, the Child Advocacy Centers of Louisiana (CACLA), the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocates Association (LACASA), and Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana (PCAL) have made valuable contributions to Louisiana and have helped to make the state a better place for children and families; and

WHEREAS, the member programs of these associations serve over eleven thousand children and reach over thirty-five thousand families each year in the sixty-four parishes of Louisiana through advocacy, education, and awareness efforts to support child well being, and that research has demonstrated these programs improve outcomes for children, reduce trauma for families, and save taxpayer money; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and abandonment most often occurs in situations where community resources are not available for victims to cope with stressful situations and preventing child abuse by strengthening families is better for children and more cost effective for Louisiana taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, forty-three children in Louisiana died as a result of abuse and neglect, which ranks our state as among the highest in the nation of child death per capita; and

WHEREAS, the "GEAUX BLUE FOR KIDS!" campaign encourages the people of Louisiana to promote and advocate for all children based on a belief that all Louisianians should contribute to the prevention of child abuse in order to ensure that every family has the community support needed to raise children in a safe and nurturing environment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend LouisianaChildren.org, Child Advocacy Centers of Louisiana, the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocates Association, and Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana, and their member programs throughout the state, for their service and dedication to Louisiana's children, families, and communities and does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 15, 2014, as "GEAUX BLUE FOR KIDS!" Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the LouisianaChildren.org on behalf of the partnership.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES