

2020 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY SENATOR MIZELL

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs and volunteers and recognizes May 26, 2020, as CASA Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize May 26, 2020, as CASA Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend
3 the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs and volunteers
4 for their outstanding work on behalf of the abused and neglected children of
5 Louisiana.

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

8 WHEREAS, the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs in Louisiana,
9 in association with the National CASA Association, speak for the best interests of abused
10 and neglected children; CASA volunteers are trained citizens appointed by a judge to
11 represent these children; and

12 WHEREAS, the first CASA program in Louisiana began in 1986 in Orleans Parish;
13 in 2019 CASA programs are serving forty-two of forty-three judicial districts including
14 sixty-one parishes across the state, with donated service hours by CASA volunteers valued
15 at \$1.7 million; and

16 WHEREAS, nearly 14,000 children in Louisiana suffer some form of abuse or
17 neglect each year; and

18 WHEREAS, approximately 4,800 of Louisiana's children are currently unable to live

1 safely with their families and have been placed in foster homes and institutions; and

2 WHEREAS, in 2019, 3,773 Louisiana children were served by 1,675 volunteers who
3 provided 74,588 hours of volunteer service to Louisiana's foster children; and

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

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

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that May 26, 2020, is hereby recognized as CASA
12 Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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