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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY STEFANO, BROWNE, MENSCH, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA,  
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JUNE 11, 2021

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 11, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 15, 2021, as "Court Appointed Special Advocates  
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Court Appointed Special Advocates  
4 (CASA) is a network of 22 local programs covering 28 counties in  
5 this Commonwealth, which are developed to provide volunteer  
6 advocacy for abused and neglected children in dependency court  
7 proceedings; and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania CASA has 1,185 active volunteers who  
9 advocated for 2,121 abused and neglected children throughout  
10 this Commonwealth in 2020 and donated thousands of hours of  
11 their time; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania CASA volunteers help to protect the  
13 safety and welfare of this Commonwealth's most vulnerable  
14 children and help to ensure that children's needs are being met  
15 while in the dependency system and that the children obtain safe  
16 and permanent housing as quickly as possible; and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania CASA volunteers are deeply committed,

1 specially trained advocates who work within the child welfare  
2 system and are appointed by dependency court judges to provide  
3 individualized attention and bring urgency to a child's needs  
4 throughout his or her time in between case managers, foster  
5 parents, service providers, attorneys and other stakeholders;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania CASA maximizes community resources and  
8 support for children and families within the child welfare  
9 system through increased community involvement and awareness,  
10 local and State advocacy efforts and a more coordinated and  
11 compassionate response to child victims and families in crisis;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes Pennsylvania CASA  
14 volunteers for selflessly giving their time and talents to  
15 advocate for the best interests of children in court and  
16 recognizes the volunteer board members and staff of the  
17 Pennsylvania CASA programs for their contributions on behalf of  
18 children of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate June 15, 2021, as "Court  
20 Appointed Special Advocates Day" in Pennsylvania.