

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1285

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army.

WHEREAS, Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army (CASAs) are unpaid special government employees with a 3-star Protocol status appointed by the Secretary of the Army; and

WHEREAS, the role of CASAs is to help connect the Army to the public by telling the Army's story; build partnerships and strengthen relationships in their communities to improve the Army's ability to recruit; take care of our soldiers, their families, and Army civilians; and help our transitioning soldiers through post-military employment for the soldier and their spouse; and

WHEREAS, the National CASA Conference is held in a different Army location each year, allowing them to showcase a different specialty of the Army, such as education at USMA; labs and technology at Redstone; medical and installations at Fort Sam Houston; commandant schools of engineering, MPs, and CBRNE at Fort Leonard Wood; 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and headquarters of the United States Army Special Operations Command at Fort Liberty; and the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and 160<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces groups at Fort Campbell this year; and

WHEREAS, the conferences allow the Army to bring the CASAs together to collaborate, learn more about the Army's opportunities and challenges at that installation, and meet with community leaders to improve the Army's ability to partner with other centers of influence; and

WHEREAS, this year's reception will be held in Nashville on April 17, 2024; the event will allow the CASAs to learn about the connection to Fort Campbell and showcase Music City and its continued support of our military; and

WHEREAS, the relationship between the Army and the business community is an integral opportunity to increase the partnership between a valued military installation and the

communities that support them, ultimately increasing both parties' effectiveness and output;  
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army as we welcome the National CASA Conference to Nashville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.