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**Representatives Rezabek, Koehler  
Cosponsor: Representative Brenner**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Recognizing CASA Day in Ohio, April 25, 2017.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 25, 2  
2017, as Court Appointed Special Advocates Day in Ohio; and 3

WHEREAS, Every child deserves a nurturing family and a safe 4  
environment, free from fear, abuse, and neglect. However, tens of 5  
thousands of children in Ohio are threatened by abuse and neglect 6  
every day, some so severely that the courts intervene for their 7  
safety. These children are our most vulnerable citizens, and more 8  
than 14,000 new cases of child abuse and neglect are filed in the 9  
court system each year; and 10

WHEREAS, To represent abused and neglected children in court 11  
proceedings and advocate for their best interests, more than 2,000 12  
trained volunteers in Ohio serve as court appointed special 13  
advocates and guardians ad litem. Research shows that children who 14  
are assigned to CASA/GAL volunteers spend less time in the court 15  
system and in foster care, are more likely to find permanent 16  
homes, and are less likely to enter the child welfare system than 17  
those without such support. Ohio CASA assists local CASA/GAL 18  
programs and volunteers and has earned the respect and gratitude 19  
of many; and 20

WHEREAS, CASA Day in Ohio recognizes the important work of 21  
CASA/GAL volunteers, calls attention to the need for more CASA/GAL 22  
volunteers, and encourages support of the CASA program. Since its 23  
inception, Ohio CASA has achieved a praiseworthy record of 24  
service, and we are certain that in the years to come, this worthy 25

agency will continue in the tradition of excellence that has 26  
become its hallmark; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 28  
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 29  
this Resolution, recognize April 25, 2017, as Court Appointed 30  
Special Advocates Day in Ohio; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 32  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to Ohio 33  
Court Appointed Special Advocates and to the news media of Ohio. 34