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Senator Kunze

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing CASA Day in Ohio, April 30, 2024.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize Court Appointed Special Advocates Day in Ohio, April 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The many people across Ohio who serve as court appointed special advocates and guardians ad litem have proven to be truly committed to representing abused and neglected children in court proceedings and advocating for their best interests, all with the goal of having every child living with a nurturing family and in a safe environment. CASA Day was created to celebrate the impact of these conscientious leaders, and this occasion is truly worthy of recognition; and

WHEREAS, Time and again, research has shown the benefits to children assigned to CASA/GAL volunteers, and it is undeniably true that the support these advocates provide has made a difference in numerous lives and that their important work has laid the groundwork for many youth who otherwise would have been overlooked to succeed. Indeed, the fine people who comprise Ohio CASA have been dedicated to tirelessly helping local child welfare agencies be effective and successful; and

WHEREAS, As we observe CASA Day in Ohio, we celebrate the impact of court appointed special advocates and guardians ad litem and encourage others to get involved and support the CASA program. Since its inception, Ohio CASA has had a positive effect, and we are certain that its dynamic efforts will continue to shape our state's future; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General

Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commemorate Court 27
Appointed Special Advocates Day in Ohio and salute the tremendous work 28
of organizations such as Ohio CASA; and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated 30
copies of this Resolution to Ohio Court Appointed Special Advocates 31
and to the news media of Ohio. 32