

Senate Resolution 124

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Chance of the 16th and Staton of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) in Georgia for 25 years of service;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia CASA, founded in 1988, is an organization established to develop and
4 support affiliate programs that provide volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children
5 involved in juvenile court deprivation proceedings; and

6 WHEREAS, since its founding, 46 affiliate CASA programs in Georgia have been
7 established and over 20,000 CASA volunteers have advocated for over 93,000 children
8 throughout the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, CASA is central to fulfilling society's most fundamental obligation by making
10 sure a qualified, compassionate adult will fight for and protect a child's right to be safe, to
11 be treated with dignity and respect, and to learn and grow in the safe embrace of a loving
12 family; and

13 WHEREAS, a CASA advocate is a deeply committed, specially trained volunteer who works
14 within the child welfare system and is appointed by the juvenile court judge to provide
15 individualized attention and bring urgency to a child's needs; and

16 WHEREAS, for 25 years, juvenile court judges have invited community volunteers into
17 courtrooms across the state to advocate for children.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 recognize Court Appointed Special Advocates in Georgia for 25 years of giving selflessly
20 of their time and talents to advocate for the best interests of children in juvenile court
21 proceedings and commend board members and staff of Georgia CASA and the affiliate
22 CASA programs for their countless contributions made on behalf of Georgia's children.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Court Appointed Special
25 Advocates.