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THIRD READING

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Bill No: ACR 26  
Author: Bonta (D), et al.  
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**SUBJECT:** CASA Appreciation Day

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution declares February 6, 2025, as CASA Appreciation Day in California.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) CASA Appreciation Day recognizes the important role played by Court Appointed Special Advocates for children (CASA) volunteers. These trained community volunteers are appointed by a judge as officers of the court to speak up for children in juvenile court and to help humanize for these children the often frightening and confusing child welfare and legal systems.
- 2) Approximately 67,229 of California's children are living in foster care because they have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. In 2023, 8,012 CASA volunteers supported 11,261 foster children in California by contributing a total of 379,672 hours. These CASA volunteers play an important role in their lives by getting to know each child and letting the judge and others in the child welfare system understand the child's perspective and needs.
- 3) The CASA vision is one where every Californian child in need is appointed a CASA volunteer to champion that child without compromise, in court, in school, and in the community, putting them on the path to a safe and permanent home.

This resolution declares that February 6, 2025, is recognized as CASA Appreciation Day in California.

**Related/Prior Legislation**

SCR 130 (Newman, Resolution Chapter 82, Statutes of 2024).

SCR 35 (Newman, Resolution Chapter 32, Statutes of 2023).

SCR 106 (Newman, Resolution Chapter 78, Statutes of 2022).

SCR 43 (Newman, Resolution Chapter 90, Statutes of 2021).

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No    Fiscal Com.: No    Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 2/24/25)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 2/24/25)

None received

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