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THIRD READING

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Bill No: SCR 162  
Author: Umberg (D)  
Introduced: 4/20/26  
Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** CASA Appreciation Day

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution declares May 7, 2026, as CASA Appreciation Day in California.

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

- 1) All children have the right to a home with loving people to care for them, but each year in the United States, hundreds of thousands of children are abused, neglected, or abandoned by their families. These children are removed from their homes, placed in foster care or institutions, and eventually may end up as wards of the court.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Approximately 50,000 of California's children are living in foster care because they have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. In 2025, 7,582 CASA volunteers supported 10,844 foster children in California by contributing a total of 389,426 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.
- 4) 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 May 7, 2026, is recognized as CASA Appreciation Day in California.

**Related/Prior Legislation**

ACR 26 (Bonta, Resolution Chapter 22, Statutes of 2025)

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

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

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

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 4/27/26)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 4/27/26)

None received

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