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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Acknowledging the efforts of CASA volunteers in speaking for the  
2 best interests of abused and neglected children by  
3 recognizing April 11, 2002, as "Light of Hope Day" in  
4 Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, April is "National Child Abuse Prevention and  
6 Awareness Month"; and

7 WHEREAS, To draw nationwide attention to child abuse, April  
8 11, 2002, has been designated as "Light of Hope Day" by the  
9 National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (CASA);  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The national Light of Hope candlelight ceremony is  
12 taking place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.; and

13 WHEREAS, This ceremony affords an opportunity to acknowledge  
14 the work of CASA volunteers and convey to the public that there  
15 is much to be done to prevent children from being abused; and

16 WHEREAS, Court-appointed special advocates are well-trained  
17 volunteers who, when authorized by a judge, speak for the best  
18 interests of abused and neglected children in court; and

1       WHEREAS, CASA associations train and support the volunteers  
2 who are working to provide each child a safe and stable home;  
3 and

4       WHEREAS, When a child has a court-appointed special advocate  
5 to speak for the child:

6           (1) The amount of time the child spends in dependent  
7 care is likely to be reduced.

8           (2) The potential for delinquency is decreased.

9           (3) The child has a renewed opportunity to bond with a  
10 permanent home;

11 therefore be it

12       RESOLVED, That the Senate acknowledge the efforts of CASA  
13 volunteers in speaking for the best interests of abused and  
14 neglected children by recognizing April 11, 2002, as "Light of  
15 Hope Day" in Pennsylvania.