

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY SENATOR NEVERS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Child Advocacy Centers of Louisiana (CACLA), the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocates Association (LACASA) and Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana (PCAL) for their efforts to bring education and awareness to the issues of child abuse and abandonment through the "GEAUX BLUE FOR KIDS!" campaign and to recognize Thursday, April 18, 2013, as "GEAUX BLUE FOR KIDS!" Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, the Child Advocacy Centers of Louisiana, the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocates Association, and Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana have made valuable contributions to Louisiana and have helped to make the state a better place for children and families; and

WHEREAS, the member programs of these associations serve over 11,000 children and reach over 25,000 families each year in the 64 parishes of Louisiana through advocacy, education, and awareness efforts to support child well-being, and that research has demonstrated these programs improve outcomes for children, reduce trauma for families, and save taxpayer money; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and abandonment most often occurs in situations where community resources are not available for victims to cope with stressful situations and preventing child abuse by strengthening families is better for children and more cost effective for Louisiana taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the "GEAUX BLUE FOR KIDS!" campaign encourages the people of Louisiana to promote and advocate for all children based upon the belief that all Louisianians should contribute to the prevention of child abuse in order to ensure that every family has the community support needed to raise children in a safe and nurturing environment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend CACLA, LACASA, PCAL, and their member programs for their service and dedication to Louisiana's children, families, and communities and does hereby recognize Thursday, April 18, 2013, as "GEAUX BLUE FOR KIDS!" Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana CASA Association on behalf of the partnership.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE