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House Resolution

A resolution designating April 14, 2015, as "Guardian ad Litem Day" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, founded in 1980, the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program represents the best interests of abused and neglected children in dependency court proceedings, and

WHEREAS, during the past 35 years, more than 30,000 dedicated and talented volunteers have served as guardians ad litem in Florida, advocating for more than 200,000 of the state's most vulnerable children, and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that children who have a volunteer guardian ad litem receive more services and are half as likely to return to foster care, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program has extended its reach through public and private partnerships in communities throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program has worked tirelessly to enhance the lives of children and give them every opportunity to succeed, and

WHEREAS, Florida leads the nation in efforts to ensure that every abused or neglected child has a dedicated guardian ad litem, giving these children a voice in court, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

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That in recognition of the success of the Florida Guardian
ad Litem Program, and in gratitude for all those volunteers who
serve as guardians ad litem, April 14, 2015, is designated as
"Guardian ad Litem Day" in the State of Florida.