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**Rep. Matt Hatchett Awarded as 2025 CASA Champion of the Year by Georgia CASA**

*Atlanta, Georgia, August 27, 2024* – Representative Matt Hatchett, of the Georgia House of Representatives (District 155), has received the 2025 CASA Champion Award from Georgia CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). Rep. Hatchett was officially awarded at the Georgia CASA Conference in Atlanta on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Rep. Hatchett has long demonstrated a deep appreciation for the importance of CASA advocacy. Throughout the past year, his steadfast support, genuine compassion, and clear understanding of the mission of the CASA program have been evident, in the heart of the legislative session, in-district conversations in the greater Dublin area, and every interaction in between.

Whether offering insight, asking thoughtful questions, or standing up for what children in foster care need most, Rep. Hatchett has been both a trusted advisor and a powerful advocate. His belief in the value of a CASA volunteer in a child's life has made a tangible difference.

For the thousands of children across Georgia who have CASA volunteers by their side, Georgia CASA extends its deepest gratitude to Rep. Hatchett for standing with and standing by the CASA network in the state.

Georgia CASA is honored to award Rep. Hatchett with the 2025 CASA Champion Award.

**About Georgia CASA:** Forty-seven affiliate CASA programs, serving all 159 counties in the state, have been established since Georgia CASA was founded in 1988. Each affiliate CASA program engages the community to train volunteer advocates. Volunteers are everyday citizens who offer individualized attention and best-interest advocacy for children in foster care. The CASA organization is the only model of this kind, built around one child and one compassionate, highly trained adult advocate. For more information about Georgia CASA or to find an affiliate program near you, visit <https://www.gacasa.org/>. For more information about TLC CASA which serves District 155, visit <http://www.tlcchildrensservices.org>.

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