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## **Representative John Lujan Honored with 2024 Big Voices for Little Texans Award by Texas CASA**

**SAN ANTONIO, TX** – Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) has awarded State Representative John Lujan the 2024 Big Voices for Little Texans award, recognizing his dedication to advocating for children and families in Texas’s foster care system. Presented at the Texas CASA Annual Conference, this prestigious award highlights Representative Lujan’s leadership in pursuing meaningful policies to protect and uplift vulnerable youth across Texas.

As an adoptive parent and former CASA volunteer, Representative Lujan brings personal experience and compassion to his legislative work, making him a champion for foster youth in Texas. "Helping children in foster care isn't just part of my job; it's my mission," Lujan said. "I've seen the impact that a strong support system can have, and I am committed to ensuring that every foster child has the resources, guidance, and opportunities they deserve to succeed."

During the 88th Legislative Session, Representative Lujan led key efforts to improve outcomes for youth in foster care through his role as Vice Chair of the House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee. Among his legislative initiatives, he authored House Bill 1496, a measure aimed at increasing the information and support available to foster youth as they consider higher education, helping them understand and access tuition and fee waivers. He also sponsored Senate Bill 1379, which created a pilot program to promote financial independence for older youth in foster care, equipping them with essential skills to transition to adulthood with greater stability.

"These kids deserve every chance to thrive," Representative Lujan emphasized. "Through my work, I am committed to breaking down barriers and creating pathways to success for every child in our state's care."

Texas CASA CEO Vicki Spriggs praised Lujan’s commitment, noting, “Representative Lujan has been a steadfast advocate for CASA and foster youth. His understanding of the foster system, coupled with his dedication, has made a significant impact on countless lives.”

Through his public service, Representative Lujan continues to work hand-in-hand with Texas CASA and other local organizations to promote effective policies and support the mission of securing a safe and permanent home for every child. For more information about Texas CASA and how to get involved as a CASA volunteer, visit <https://texascasa.org/>.

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*Representative John Lujan represents Texas House District 118, which covers southern and eastern Bexar County. Lujan is serving his first full regular session in the Texas House of Representatives. Previously, Lujan won the 2021 Special Election to complete an unfinished term in House District 118 and continues to serve the people of House District 118. Lujan, a retired San Antonio Firefighter, has prioritized public safety, spearheading initiatives to address pressing community concerns.*