

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes Tuesday, April 2, 2024 as Big Brothers Big Sisters Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Tuesday, April 2, 2024, as Big Brothers Big Sisters Day at the Louisiana State
3 Capitol.

4 WHEREAS, one-in-three kids grow up without a sustained, adult mentor in their life;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America is the largest and most experienced
7 youth mentoring organization in the United States, with the mission to create and support
8 one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth; and

9 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana and Big Brothers
10 Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana are unlocking the potential of the children who are the
11 future of our state; and

12 WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters creates and supports relationships between
13 young people, ages six to young adulthood - known as "Littles" - and caring volunteer
14 mentors - known as "Bigs"; and

15 WHEREAS, by partnering with parents and guardians, volunteers, and others in the
16 community, Big Brothers Big Sisters holds themselves accountable for each child in their
17 programs achieving higher aspirations, greater confidence, better relationships, and
18 educational success, as well as avoiding risky behaviors; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2023, 600 youth were served across Acadia, Allen, Beauregard,
2 Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Natchitoches, St.
3 Landry, St. Martin, Vermilion, and Vernon Parishes; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2023, 98% of "Littles" enrolled in Big Brothers Big Sisters programs
5 in these communities graduated high school, 96% of "Littles" avoided incarceration or arrest,
6 and 100% of "Littles" participating in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana programs
7 enrolled in college, enlisted in the military, or entered the workforce; and

8 WHEREAS, these results demonstrate the hard work and dedication of Big Brothers
9 Big Sisters of Acadiana and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana to ignite
10 potential in Louisiana's youth.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
12 does hereby designate Tuesday, April 2, 2024, as Big Brothers Big Sisters Day at the
13 Louisiana State Capitol in recognition of its exceptional dedication to creating positive
14 mentoring relationships that empower youth, enhance communities, and inspire generations
15 to come.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Big
17 Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

DIGEST

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