

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates April 23, 2025, as Big Brothers Big Sisters Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as Big Brothers Big Sisters Day at the state  
3 capitol.

4 WHEREAS, one out of every three children grows up without a sustained, adult  
5 mentor in their life; Big Brothers Big Sisters programs in Louisiana are working to close this  
6 gap through their mission to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that  
7 ignite the power and promise of youth; and

8 WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana is in its forty-sixth year  
9 of service, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana is currently celebrating its fortieth  
10 anniversary, and in the fall of 2024, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater New Orleans  
11 announced its long-awaited relaunch; and

12 WHEREAS, these organizations are working tirelessly to unlock the potential of  
13 Louisiana's children by creating and supporting relationships between young people ages six  
14 to young adulthood, who are known as "Littles", and caring volunteer mentors, who are  
15 known as "Bigs"; and

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

1 WHEREAS, research shows that the mentorship connections cultivated by Big  
2 Brothers Big Sisters impact a young person's present experience and shape their future,  
3 contributing to reduced poverty, greater economic stability, and stronger communities; and

4 WHEREAS, a recently-released study demonstrated that Littles served by Big  
5 Brothers Big Sisters programs experience significant, positive long-term outcomes from  
6 mentorship, including a 20% higher likelihood of attending college and a 15% increase in  
7 income between the ages of twenty and twenty-five compared to their non-mentored peers;  
8 they also experience improved behaviors and stronger social bonds; and

9 WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana, Big Brothers Big Sisters of  
10 Southwest Louisiana, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater New Orleans are most  
11 deserving of the highest recognition for their unwavering commitment and hard work  
12 demonstrated in their mission to ignite the potential of Louisiana's youth.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as Big Brothers  
15 Big Sisters Day at the state capitol and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to support  
16 initiatives and organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters, which serve the state's youth and  
17 help build a strong foundation for the state's future.

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#### DIGEST

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