

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 2, 2024, as Big Brothers Big Sisters Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Tuesday, April 2, 2024, as Big Brothers Big Sisters Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, one out of every three children grows up without a consistent adult
4 mentor in his or her life, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, which is the largest and
5 most experienced youth mentoring organization in the United States, works to create and
6 support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of American
7 youth; and

8 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana and Big Brothers
9 Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana are working to maximize the potential of our children
10 who are the foundation for the future of the state; Big Brothers Big Sisters creates and
11 supports relationships between "Littles" and their "Bigs"; Littles range from ages six to
12 young adulthood, and Bigs are their caring volunteer mentors; and

13 WHEREAS, by partnering with parents and guardians, volunteers, and others in the
14 community, Big Brothers Big Sisters holds itself accountable for each child in the program
15 achieving higher aspirations, gaining greater confidence, building better relationships,
16 earning educational success, and avoiding risky behaviors; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2023, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana and Big Brothers Big
18 Sisters of Southwest Louisiana served six hundred young people across Acadia, Allen,
19 Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Iberia, Jeff Davis, Lafayette, Natchitoches,
20 St. Landry, St. Martin, Vermilion, and Vernon Parishes; last year 98% of Littles in these
21 parishes graduated from high school, 96% of Littles avoided incarceration or arrest, and

1 100% of Littles participating in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana programs enrolled in
2 college, enlisted in the military, or entered the workforce; and

3 WHEREAS, all of the individuals involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters are most
4 deserving of the highest recognition for their inspiring hard work and truly incredible
5 accomplishments, which have developed the potential of Louisiana's youth.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 2, 2024, as Big Brothers Big
8 Sisters Day at the state capitol and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to follow the
9 example of those involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters and continue to build a better future
10 for our state.

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