

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2023, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana served six hundred young people across Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Iberia, Jeff Davis, Lafayette, Natchitoches, St. Landry, St. Martin, Vermilion, and Vernon Parishes; last year 98% of Littles in these parishes graduated from high school, 96% of Littles avoided incarceration or arrest, and 100% of Littles participating in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana programs enrolled in college, enlisted in the military, or entered the workforce; and

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES