

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ben De Leon of Austin has been named the 2009 Big
2 Brothers Big Sisters National Big Brother of the Year; and

3 WHEREAS, For the past three years, Mr. De Leon has been paired
4 with Anthony, a fifth grader at Wieland Elementary School in
5 Pflugerville, through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program; Mr.
6 De Leon has also been a spokesperson for the organization since
7 2007, and he is on the board of directors of the Big Society, a local
8 group for young professionals who are affiliated with BBBS; having
9 demonstrated exemplary dedication as a friend and mentor to
10 Anthony, Mr. De Leon was selected by the National BBBS Committee as
11 the Big Brother of the Year, and in June 2009, he and his "Little"
12 are traveling to Miami, Florida, to attend the National BBBS
13 Conference; and

14 WHEREAS, A native of the Capitol City, Mr. De Leon graduated
15 with highest honors from The University of Texas at Austin in 2001,
16 with bachelor's degrees in corporate communication and Spanish, and
17 he earned a juris doctor degree from The University of Texas School
18 of Law in 2004; the following year, he joined the firm De Leon &
19 Washburn, P.C., as an associate in the area of general civil
20 litigation, as well as appellate, insurance, transactional, and
21 administrative law, and he has also assisted clients through
22 Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas; and

23 WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life and his community
24 service endeavors, Mr. De Leon remains actively involved with his

1 alma mater through the Texas Exes Council and a number of other
2 groups and committees; in addition, he is a member of the State Bar
3 of Texas and of both the state and city chapters of the Young
4 Lawyers Association, and he is a deacon at the First Baptist Church
5 of Austin; and

6 WHEREAS, Ben De Leon has distinguished himself as a selfless
7 and compassionate volunteer, and his commitment to Big Brothers Big
8 Sisters indeed merits special recognition; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor Ben De Leon on being named the 2009
11 National Big Brother of the Year and extend to him sincere best
12 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mr. De Leon as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.

Rodriguez

H.R. No. 1709

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1709 was adopted by the House on May 7, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House