

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 811

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Ben De Leon, who has been named the 2009 Big Brothers Big Sisters National Big Brother of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ben's Little Brother is Anthony, a fifth grade student in Travis County; Anthony will attend the National Big Brothers Big Sisters Conference with Ben in June, and they will speak at the Conference Banquet and other events; and

WHEREAS, Ben De Leon is an attorney at De Leon and Washburn; he practices in general civil litigation, appellate law, insurance law, transactional law, and administrative law; he represents Spanish-speaking clients pro bono through Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from The University of Texas at Austin in 2001 and earned his law degree from The University of Texas School of Law, where he was elected a permanent class officer by his classmates; and

WHEREAS, Ben has served as a Big Brother in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program of Central Texas since 2006 and has been a spokesperson for the organization since September of 2007; he now serves on the board of directors of the Big Society, the organization's young professionals group; and

WHEREAS, He is a leader in the Austin community and serves as a deacon at the First Baptist Church of Austin; his memberships include the Texas Exes Scholarship Selection Committee, the Texas Exes Hispanic Alumni Steering Committee, the University of Texas Law Reunion Planning Committee, and the Christian Life Commission Board of Consultants; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Ben De Leon on his exceptional leadership and many contributions to his community and extend congratulations to him on his selection as the 2009 Big Brothers Big Sisters National Big Brother of the Year; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Ben De Leon as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 1, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate