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H.R. No. 813

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 join Texans across the state in celebrating Big Brothers Big
3 Sisters of Texas Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the largest volunteer
5 supported mentoring network, began its service to the children of
6 Texas in Dallas in 1927 and has subsequently expanded those
7 services to 9 regional offices and 35 field offices throughout
8 Texas; and

9 WHEREAS, The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to
10 provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring
11 professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships that
12 change their lives for the better, forever; and

13 WHEREAS, Over 16,000 students throughout Texas have Big
14 Brother and Big Sister mentors, and national research has shown
15 that students mentored by a Big Brother or a Big Sister are less
16 likely to start using drugs, are less likely to begin using alcohol,
17 are less likely to skip school, and are even less likely to skip a
18 class during the school day; and

19 WHEREAS, Additional national research also shows that
20 children mentored by a Big Brother or Big Sister have increased
21 performance in science, math, and oral language, and further
22 research done in Central Texas revealed that 87 percent of children
23 mentored by a Big Brother or Big Sister graduated from high school
24 or received a GED; and

1 WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters is successful because of
2 the efforts of thousands of volunteers and especially Texas Big
3 Brother of the Year Tri Dang of Travis County and Big Sister of the
4 Year C. J. Legare of Hays County, both of whom are present in the
5 chamber this morning; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend Big Brothers Big Sisters on their
8 efforts to help children in Texas, many who have the odds stacked
9 against them, achieve success in their lives and extend best wishes
10 for a memorable day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.