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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Byron Johnson of Waco has been named the 2013 Big  
2 Brother of the Year by Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star; and

3           WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping young people reach their  
4 potential, BBBS Lone Star serves more than 30,000 children in over  
5 100 Texas counties; the program pairs children, "littles," with  
6 screened volunteer mentors, "biggs," and monitors and supports these  
7 relationships as they develop; and

8           WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson, the director of the Institute for  
9 Studies of Religion at Baylor University, has served as a big  
10 brother to Blake West for more than four years; his efforts have  
11 contributed to Blake's success in school, and he has encouraged  
12 Blake to set his sights on college; moreover, thanks in part to  
13 Dr. Johnson's guidance, Blake is working toward his goal of a  
14 career in law enforcement by volunteering as a member of the junior  
15 police academy; and

16           WHEREAS, Having studied factors related to youth behavior in  
17 his research, Dr. Johnson believes in the power of organizations  
18 such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, and as he and his wife prepared  
19 for an empty nest, he decided to get involved; today, he is an  
20 enthusiastic recruiter for BBBS on the Baylor campus, where in  
21 addition to leading the institute, he is a distinguished professor  
22 of the social sciences and directs the Program on Prosocial  
23 Behavior; and

24           WHEREAS, Byron Johnson has demonstrated outstanding

1 commitment to his little brother in Big Brothers Big Sisters and to  
2 the goals of the program, and in so doing, he serves as a source of  
3 inspiration to all who know him; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Byron Johnson on being named the  
6 2013 Big Brother of the Year by Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star  
7 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and  
8 happiness; and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Dr. Johnson as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.