

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 413**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join Texans across the state in celebrating Big Brothers Big Sisters of Texas Day at the Capitol; and

**WHEREAS,** Big Brothers Big Sisters, the largest volunteer-supported mentoring network, began its service to the children of Texas in Dallas in 1927 and has subsequently expanded those services to nine regional offices and 35 field offices throughout Texas; and

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

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

**WHEREAS,** Additional national research shows that children mentored by a Big Brother or Big Sister have increased performance in science, mathematics, and oral language skills, and further research done in Central Texas revealed that 87 percent of children mentored by a Big Brother or Big Sister graduated from high school or received a general equivalency diploma; and

**WHEREAS**, Big Brothers Big Sisters is successful because of the efforts of thousands of volunteers, whose friendship, care, and encouragement can make a world of difference to a child; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend all those associated with Big Brothers Big Sisters on their efforts to help children in Texas achieve success in their lives and extend best wishes for a memorable Big Brothers Big Sisters of Texas Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte, Watson, Zaffirini

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 13, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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