

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates April 8, 2026, as Big Brothers Big Sisters Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, April 8, 2026, as Big Brothers Big Sisters Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, youth served by Big Brothers Big Sisters programs experience  
4 improved academic outcomes, stronger relationships, higher aspirations, and greater  
5 long-term economic success; and

6 WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Big Brothers Big  
7 Sisters of Acadiana, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater New Orleans work to create and  
8 support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth; and

9 WHEREAS, these organizations work to unlock the potential of Louisiana's children  
10 by creating and supporting relationships between young people from age six to young  
11 adulthood, who are referred to as "Littles", and caring volunteer mentors, who are referred  
12 to as "Bigs"; and

13 WHEREAS, innovative initiatives such as the Big Futures program expand the  
14 organization's reach through a dual-impact mentoring model in which high school students  
15 serve as mentors to younger youth while receiving structured workforce-readiness  
16 programming; and

17 WHEREAS, participants in Big Futures, who are referred to as "High School Bigs",  
18 develop leadership skills, strengthen academic engagement, and gain exposure to financial  
19 literacy, professional development, postsecondary pathway planning, and more; they also  
20 model positive behaviors and academic commitment for younger students; and

1           WHEREAS, this model not only supports the growth and success of mentees, but  
2 prepares participating high school students to become engaged citizens and role models; and

3           WHEREAS, during the 2025 fiscal year reporting period, the organization served six  
4 hundred eighty-five youth statewide, recruited four hundred eighty-one prospective  
5 volunteers, and served four hundred new youth through expanded one-to-one relationships,  
6 High School Bigs, and small-group mentoring models; and

7           WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana, Big Brothers Big Sisters of  
8 Southwest Louisiana, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater New Orleans demonstrate  
9 unwavering commitment in their mission to ignite the potential of Louisiana's youth, and  
10 their efforts are most deserving of the highest recognition.

11           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 8, 2026, as Big Brothers  
13 Big Sisters Day at the state capitol and does hereby express enduring appreciation for the  
14 contributions made to Louisiana youth by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana, Big  
15 Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater New  
16 Orleans.

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