

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 60

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, April 8, 2026, as Big Brothers Big Sisters Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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

WHEREAS, across our state, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater New Orleans are working to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are working to unlock the potential of Louisiana's children by creating and supporting relationships between young people, ages six to young adulthood, known as "Littles", and caring volunteer mentors, known as "Bigs"; and

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

WHEREAS, participants in Big Futures, known as "High School Bigs", develop leadership skills, strengthen academic engagement, and gain exposure to financial literacy, professional development, postsecondary pathway planning, and more, while modeling positive behaviors and academic commitment for younger students; and

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

WHEREAS, during the 2025 fiscal year reporting period alone, the organization served 685 youth statewide, recruited 481 prospective volunteers, and served 400 new youth through the expanded one-to-one, High School Bigs, and small-group mentoring models; and

WHEREAS, the unwavering commitment demonstrated by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater New Orleans in their mission to ignite the potential of Louisiana's youth is deserving of recognition and commendation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 8, 2026, as Big Brothers Big Sisters Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater New Orleans.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE