

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 8, 2026, as Big Brothers Big Sisters Day at the state capitol and does hereby express enduring appreciation for the contributions made to Louisiana youth by 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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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES