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House Resolution

A resolution commending the Florida Big Brothers Big Sisters State Association.

WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Florida has served the children of Florida for more than 80 years and is the recognized leader in screening, training, and monitoring child mentoring activities, and

WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Florida is comprised of 22 local agencies located around the state, with its member agencies working to help children and families deal with the difficult circumstances of life that challenge them, and

WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Florida provides caring adult volunteer mentors for at-risk children of single-parent families and currently serves over 5,000 children annually throughout the state, with over 4,000 children on waiting lists to receive a Big Brother or Big Sister, and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Congress reauthorized the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, adding Part G - Mentoring, "in recognition of mentoring's potential as a tool for addressing two critical concerns in regard to America's children--poor school performance and delinquent activity," and

WHEREAS, an 18-month study of the Big Brothers Big Sisters' traditional One-To-One mentoring program by Public/Private Ventures of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, found that children with a mentor in the program were more confident in the performance of their school work and less likely to cut school or a class, less likely to start using illegal drugs or

1 alcohol, less likely to strike someone, and got along better
2 with their families, NOW, THEREFORE,

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4 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
5 Florida:

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7 That Big Brothers Big Sisters of Florida be honored and
8 congratulated for its efforts to create a brighter future for
9 Florida's children.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
11 be presented to Mr. Tom McKenna, National Executive Director,
12 Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, and to United States
13 Senator Dan Coats, National President of the Board, Big
14 Brothers Big Sisters of America, as a tangible token of the
15 sentiments expressed herein.

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