

House Resolution 774

By: Representative Stovall of the 74th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mary Beth Mendoza upon being awarded as the 2015 Big Sister of the Year;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mary Beth Mendoza was awarded the 2015 Big Sister of the Year by Big
4 Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta and Georgia because of her outstanding work as a
5 volunteer Big Sister mentor to Jasmine Perez for the past ten years; and

6 WHEREAS, needing something more meaningful in her life and desiring to contribute in a
7 big way, Mary Beth decided the Big Brother, Big Sister program would be a good fit for her;
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9 WHEREAS, Mary Beth and Jasmine's match proved to be so powerful that it was featured
10 in Big Brothers Big Sisters video promotions for their mentoring programs; her commitment
11 to see Jasmine graduate from high school and go to college is that strong; and

12 WHEREAS, Mary Beth supports Jasmine in her schoolwork and provides consistent
13 encouragement and the tools Jasmine needs to seek the answers herself; as a result, Jasmine
14 stays motivated and focused on future academic goals; and

15 WHEREAS, throughout their long and strong match, Mary Beth has experienced all of
16 Jasmine's milestones in life, including her Sweet Fifteen and numerous school events, and
17 Mary Beth wouldn't miss any of them for the world; most importantly, through Mary Beth's
18 efforts, Jasmine has learned that she can rely on herself to succeed in life and that she can do
19 anything; and

20 WHEREAS, they have shared many experiences together, from zip lining in the North
21 Georgia Mountains to white water rafting down the Oconee River; they've had their ups and
22 downs over the years but have always kept a strong relationship; Mary Beth's relationship
23 with her "little" has brought so much joy to both of their lives; and

24 WHEREAS, as an employee of the Coca-Cola Company in the Marketing Department, Mary
25 Beth has also been a huge supporter of BBBSMA with everything from beverages to
26 memorabilia and merchandise; in fact, her incredible generosity has earned her a leaf on their
27 Legacy Tree; and

28 WHEREAS, she serves as president of her homeowners association and president of the
29 LGBT employee resource group for the Coca-Cola Company; her hobbies include
30 photography, scuba diving, drawing, and travel.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Mary Beth Mendoza upon being awarded as the 2015
33 Big Sister of the Year and for her dedicated commitment as a mentor.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mary
36 Beth Mendoza.