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SENATE MEMORIAL 9

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 29, 2014 AS "BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS MENTORING DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, big brothers big sisters is the oldest and largest provider of one-on-one youth mentoring services in the United States; and

WHEREAS, big brothers big sisters is celebrating one hundred years of bringing caring adults and children together; and

WHEREAS, more than three thousand children are served annually by big brothers big sisters in New Mexico, providing quality relationships that are built on friendship and trust; and

WHEREAS, the big brothers big sisters statewide association consists of five agencies committed to working

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1 together to maximize resources to serve more children in New
2 Mexico communities; and

3 WHEREAS, mentoring has proven to be a significant positive
4 influence on the life of a child and an adult volunteer; and

5 WHEREAS, trained professionals recruit, screen, match and
6 support big and little brothers and sisters through a network
7 of four hundred seventy agencies throughout the country; and

8 WHEREAS, one-on-one mentoring relationships between caring
9 adults and children have documented positive outcomes for the
10 children; and

11 WHEREAS, caring for and educating children who face many
12 challenges in today's world is of the utmost importance; and

13 WHEREAS, children matched with a big brother or big sister
14 are fifty percent less likely to start using drugs and alcohol;
15 are fifty-three percent less likely to skip a day in school;
16 are less likely to hit someone or to start a fight; and
17 demonstrate increased positive relationships with peers and
18 parents;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
20 OF NEW MEXICO that January 29, 2014 be proclaimed "Big Brothers
21 Big Sisters Mentoring Day" in the senate; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the big brothers big sisters statewide
24 association.