
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 632 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY BULLOCK, KINSEY, MCCLINTON, COHEN, DIGIROLAMO, TOEPEL, MARKOSEK, FREEMAN, ENGLISH, HENNESSEY, QUIGLEY, J. HARRIS, BURNS, BIZZARRO, DUSH, SONNEY, BOBACK, BAKER, KIM, KIRKLAND, GIBBONS, PHILLIPS-HILL, WARD, MURT, BENNINGHOFF, VEREB, ACOSTA, R. BROWN, MACKENZIE, NEILSON, THOMAS, SCHLOSSBERG, ROZZI, MARSHALL, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, MARSICO, CRUZ, MILLARD, ORTITAY, D. COSTA, DRISCOLL, LONGIETTI, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DONATUCCI, PAYNE, O'BRIEN, DAVIS, SAMUELSON, GROVE, EVERETT, LEWIS, PICKETT, YOUNGBLOOD, O'NEILL, SANTORA, READSHAW, A. HARRIS AND SCHWEYER, JANUARY 11, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 11, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2016 as "Big Brothers Big
2 Sisters Month and National Mentoring Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters is a nonprofit organization
4 which establishes mentoring relationships to bring caring adults
5 into the lives of underserved and vulnerable children and
6 youths; and

7 WHEREAS, Children and youths who live in an area with a high
8 poverty rate or high incidence of juvenile arrests, come from a
9 single-parent household, are impacted by homelessness or
10 familial incarceration or attend a struggling school are often
11 at risk for academic or social failure; and

12 WHEREAS, Experienced persons serving as advisors, motivators
13 and friends can diminish risk factors, support positive outcomes

1 and make a lasting impact on the lives of younger persons; and

2 WHEREAS, Working through a network of donors, partners,
3 family members, volunteers and advocates, Big Brothers Big
4 Sisters supports and enriches the life of each participant while
5 promoting and reinforcing positive activities, behaviors and
6 attitudes in our communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Children and youths who participate in Big Brothers
8 Big Sisters perform better in school and develop better
9 relationships with their families and peers; and

10 WHEREAS, Children and youths facing adverse or challenging
11 circumstances particularly benefit from strong, enduring,
12 professionally supported one-on-one mentoring relationships; and

13 WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern
14 Pennsylvania makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult
15 volunteers (Bigs) and young people (Littles) throughout Chester,
16 Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties; and

17 WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern
18 Pennsylvania, partnering with parents or guardians and community
19 volunteers, makes and supports nearly 3,000 mentoring matches
20 each year; and

21 WHEREAS, An estimated 120,000 underserved children in
22 southeastern Pennsylvania remain at risk for social or academic
23 failure; and

24 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Chief Executive Officer
25 Marcus Allen, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern
26 Pennsylvania is committed to providing academic, employment,
27 housing and family support services as needed to address the
28 personal challenges and higher aspirations of children and
29 youths throughout the region; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the

1 month of January 2016 as "Big Brothers Big Sisters Month and
2 National Mentoring Month" in Pennsylvania.