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HOUSE MEMORIAL 20

**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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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 HOUSE OF  
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 29,  
21 2014 be proclaimed "Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Day" in  
22 the house of representatives; and

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

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