

1 A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, the big brothers big sisters statewide  
16 association consists of five agencies committed to working  
17 together to maximize resources to serve more children in  
18 New Mexico communities; and

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

22 WHEREAS, trained professionals recruit, screen, match  
23 and support big and little brothers and sisters through a  
24 network of four hundred seventy agencies throughout the  
25 country; and

1           WHEREAS, one-on-one mentoring relationships between  
2 caring adults and children have documented positive outcomes  
3 for the children; and

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

6           WHEREAS, children matched with a big brother or big  
7 sister are fifty percent less likely to start using drugs and  
8 alcohol; are fifty-three percent less likely to skip a day in  
9 school; are less likely to hit someone or to start a fight;  
10 and demonstrate increased positive relationships with peers  
11 and parents;

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

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to the big brothers big sisters statewide  
17 association. \_\_\_\_\_

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