

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY HORBACH

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the Iowa Big Brothers Big Sisters Association during the week beginning March 25, 2002.

WHEREAS, the Iowa Big Brothers Big Sisters Association consists of 11 nationally affiliated Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations located throughout Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations is to make a positive difference in the lives of children and youth, primarily through a professionally supported one-to-one relationship with a caring adult, and to assist children and youth in achieving their highest potential as they grow to become confident, competent, and caring individuals, by providing committed volunteers, national leadership, and standards of excellence; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,000 children are receiving one-to-one mentoring services in this state through the Iowa association; and

WHEREAS, national studies have shown the positive results for those children participating in Big Brothers Big Sisters programs in avoiding the use of alcohol and other drugs, completing education, reducing the use of violence, and improving family relationships; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional adult mentors as there are over 700 children waiting for a big brother or big sister match; NOW THEREFORE,

H.C.R. 107

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
2 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly
3 recognizes the week beginning March 25, 2002, as Big
4 Brothers Big Sisters week, in honor of the Iowa Big
5 Brothers Big Sisters Association and its members:

6 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cedar Rapids & East
7 Central Iowa

8 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Clinton

9 Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Quad Cities

10 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa, Inc.

11 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dubuque County

12 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County

13 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Great River

14 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Marshall County, Inc.

15 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Muscatine County

16 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Siouxland

17 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Iowa; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the citizens of Iowa
19 are encouraged to support the member organizations of
20 the Iowa Big Brothers Big Sisters Association with
21 contributions and volunteer time so that the
22 organizations may serve all of the children in all of
23 the counties of the state in which there is a need.

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