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S. RES. 883

Recognizing Big Brothers Big Sisters of America on its 120th anniversary.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. KING, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CASEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. REED, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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120th anniversary.

Whereas, in 1904, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America was founded as a positive disruption to society by making valuable mentorship the alternative to sending kids to the juvenile justice system;

Whereas, as of 2024, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has more than 230 local agencies in more than 5,000 communities in all 50 States and the District of Columbia to inspire and engage youth to achieve their full potential;

Whereas Big Brothers Big Sisters of America—

(1) operates under the belief that inherent in every child is incredible potential; and

(2) establishes powerful connections through meaningful matches of volunteer mentors and young people from age 5 through young adulthood;

Whereas, since its founding, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has served adult volunteers, young people, and families, and built a strong network of an estimated 20,000,000 alumni and champions;

Whereas mentoring is an evidence-based and effective method to support the emotional, social, physical, educational, and economic success of young people;

Whereas Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, through its efforts in communities across the United States, has significantly impacted the ability of young people to meet various challenges, including challenges associated with mental health, educational achievement, workforce development, and criminal violence prevention;

Whereas 92 percent of youth in Big Brothers Big Sisters of America programs feel a greater sense of belonging and view their mentor as a very important adult in their life;

Whereas Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has been supported by a dedicated network of volunteers, donors, and partners, who have generously contributed their time, resources, and expertise to further the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America; and

Whereas Big Brothers Big Sisters of America raises significant private funding from individuals, corporations, and foundation grants, which compliments its Federal investment: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) commends Big Brothers Big Sisters of
2 America for its work mentoring the young people of
3 the United States and strengthening thousands of
4 communities;

5 (2) acknowledges the 120th anniversary of Big
6 Brothers Big Sisters of America and all of the
7 achievements of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Amer-
8 ica;

9 (3) recognizes that access to a positive, sus-
10 tained mentor can change the life trajectory of a
11 young person; and

12 (4) supports Big Brothers Big Sisters of Amer-
13 ica in continuing and expanding programs that sup-
14 port young people.

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