

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 113(LS)

As amended.

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Relative to recognizing the month of February 2008 as "Mentor Awareness and Appreciation Month" with programs and activities coordinated by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam and commending its efforts in raising awareness and support to the people of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS, in 1904, a young New York City court clerk named Ernest**
4 **Coulter set out to find caring adults to assist the many young boys and girls**
5 **coming through his courtroom, marking the beginning of the movement and**

1 mission of what would eventually become the modern day Big Brothers Big
2 Sisters Organization; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters has been to help
4 children reach their potential, as it continues to be the leader in one-to-one
5 youth service for more than a century, developing positive relationships that
6 have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of young people, mentoring
7 children ages six (6) through eighteen (18) throughout the world; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the mentoring programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters – which
9 have been endorsed by Presidents and First Ladies including: Theodore
10 Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge, Bill Clinton and Laura Bush have shown, through
11 national research, that positive relationships between youth and their Big
12 Brothers and Big Sisters mentors have a direct and measurable impact on
13 children's lives. By participating in our youth mentoring programs, Little
14 Brothers and Sisters are forty-six percent (46%) less likely to begin using
15 illegal drugs, twenty-seven percent (27%) less likely to begin using alcohol
16 and fifty-two percent (52%) less likely to skip school; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam seeks to provide the same
18 quality volunteer and professional mentoring services for children and youth
19 and assists them in achieving their highest potential as they grow to become
20 responsible men and women; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the corporate mentoring partners with Big Brothers Big
22 Sisters of Guam such as: the Bank of Guam, the Bank of Hawaii and the
23 Citibank, N.A. have unconditionally devoted their time and efforts to
24 positively influence students around the island; and

1 **WHEREAS**, students attending Price Elementary School, Maria Ulloa
2 Elementary School, Carbullido Elementary School, Tamuning Elementary
3 School, Marcial Sablan Elementary School, Agueda I. Johnston Middle School,
4 Vicente S.A. Benavente Middle School, F. B. Leon Guerrero Middle School and
5 Untalan Middle School were able to receive support through intervention and
6 prevention programs, as well as educational and community involvement,
7 allowing each child to achieve their potential and function in society with a
8 greater degree of independence; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the community mentor partners with Big Brothers Big
10 Sisters of Guam such as: Island Girl Power!, the Mangilao Mayor’s Office, the
11 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and the Department of
12 Youth Affairs, with their support, hard work and dedication, continue to
13 promote the accessibility of mentoring programs through various activities
14 available at their agencies; and


15 **WHEREAS**, individual volunteers and members of private and
16 voluntary organizations have come forward to offer Big Brothers Big Sisters of
17 Guam their services to work toward improving the lives of our children on
18 the island of Guam; now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
20 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the month of February
21 2008 as “Mentor Awareness and Appreciation Month”, and urges the island
22 community to actively participate in promoting greater understanding of
23 mentoring a child; and be it further

1 of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam, corporate partners, community partners,
2 and volunteers who have made great strides, who continue to help raise the
3 awareness, and who without fail offer their support in mentoring a child; and
4 be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
6 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
7 thereafter transmitted to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam; and to the
8 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008.



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Acting Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature