
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 472 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY MILNE, OCTOBER 22, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 22, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2007 as "Mentoring Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has been
4 providing adult support and camaraderie to youth across the
5 United States for nearly a century; and

6 WHEREAS, An impact study of Big Brothers Big Sisters of
7 America shows approximately 25% of all youth and 50% of minority
8 youth in a single-parent home; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is ranked 26th in the nation for the
10 number of children living in single-parent families; and

11 WHEREAS, Research indicates it is uncommon for youth to have
12 even one significant relationship with an unrelated adult; and

13 WHEREAS, Mentoring creates meaningful relationships and
14 positive interactions which address challenges, and it can
15 improve feelings of self-worth for both the experienced person
16 and younger person; and

17 WHEREAS, Youth who participate in the Big Brothers Big

1 Sisters of America program are less likely to use drugs or
2 alcohol, perform better in school and develop better
3 relationships with their families and peers; and

4 WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvanians generously volunteer
5 their time to our future leaders as a big brother or big sister
6 in the program; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
8 2007 as "Mentoring Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage
10 citizens to continue to become mentors and help provide valuable
11 relationships to the youth of this Commonwealth.