

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 725

Acknowledging the accomplishments and goals of the Youth Impact Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 9, 2008

Mr. VITTER submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Acknowledging the accomplishments and goals of the Youth Impact Program.

Whereas many at-risk young men in the inner cities of the United States face a challenging and uncertain future;

Whereas the future success of at-risk young men can be greatly enhanced through sustained mentorship;

Whereas effective working partnerships between and within the public and private sectors can have a lasting and positive impact on the future of at-risk young men;

Whereas participation in organized sports has provided a creative and disciplined outlet and a path to a better life for many at-risk young men;

Whereas the Youth Impact Program combines the disciplines of football, mentoring, and academics in partnerships between local National Football League franchises and uni-

versities to promote discipline, learning, and positive values;

Whereas the Youth Impact Program is a community-based program that has proven its value over the past 2 years in raising the outlook and aspirations of at-risk young men and has provided at-risk young men greater exposure to academics, core values, and life skills;

Whereas the Youth Impact Program provides year-round mentoring to its participants, a proven formula for building success;

Whereas the National Football League, the National Football League Players Association, the University of Southern California, and Tulane University have provided critical support to the Youth Impact Program;

Whereas the Youth Impact Program will be expanded to 3 additional cities in partnership with local National Football League franchises and universities;

Whereas the Youth Impact Program seeks to establish a presence in each city with a local National Football League franchise; and

Whereas under the vision and leadership of Mr. Riki Ellison, the founder of the Youth Impact Program, a 10-year veteran of the National Football League, a 3-time Super Bowl champion, and a University of Southern California alumnus, the Youth Impact Program has expanded from a regional program to a program with a growing national presence: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) recognizes the ongoing and significant con-
2 tributions of those organizations that support the
3 Youth Impact Program; and

4 (2) encourages the expansion of the Youth Im-
5 pact Program to inner cities across the United
6 States.

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