



***HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 01-1015***

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**CONCERNING COMMENDING THE PEACE CORPS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY.**

WHEREAS, On October 14, 1960, on the steps of the University of Michigan Union, presidential candidate John F. Kennedy addressed more than 10,000 students at the University; and

WHEREAS, John F. Kennedy, our future president, issued the following challenge: How many of them, he asked, would be willing to serve their country and the cause of peace by living and working the developing world?; and

WHEREAS, This concept of serving the cause of peace by working in the developing world that he spoke of to the students was the basis for creating the Peace Corps after he became President; and

WHEREAS, On March 1, 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed the executive order establishing the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, President Kennedy, through the executive order, envisioned that a pool of trained American men and women sent overseas would help foreign countries meet their urgent needs for skilled manpower; and

WHEREAS, President Kennedy intended, by establishing the Peace Corps, that the resources and talents of private institutions and groups would be used, making it clear that the responsibility for peace is the responsibility of our entire society; and

WHEREAS, The Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass roots level in the developing world; and

WHEREAS, More than 161,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in more than 134 countries since 1961; and

WHEREAS, Over the last 40 years, 5,500 men and women from the state of Colorado have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business, education, the environment, health, and youth development and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation; and

WHEREAS, Returned volunteers nationwide will celebrate a special Peace Corps Day honoring the agency's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 1, 2001; and

WHEREAS, It is indeed fitting to recognize the achievements of the Peace Corps and honor its volunteers, past and present, and reaffirm our nation's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, congratulate and commend the Peace Corps for 40 years of contributions and service that have positively affected so many lives.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Joint Resolution be transmitted to Charles R. Baquet III, Acting Director of the Peace Corps, and to Nelson Chase, Denver Regional Manager of the Peace Corps.

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