

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 80

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program and recognizes May 4, 2023, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Foster Grandparent
3 Volunteer Program for forty-three years of service and to recognize Thursday,
4 May 4, 2023, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day at the state
5 capitol.

6 WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University
7 at Shreveport Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for forty-three years of exceptional
8 service in Caddo, Bossier, and DeSoto parishes; and

9 WHEREAS, the Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program is a federally funded
10 program, sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, now known
11 as AmeriCorps, which brings people together to tackle the country's most pressing issues
12 through service work and volunteering; AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers
13 assist organizations that are committed to the improvement of communities across the
14 country; and

15 WHEREAS, the Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program is now sponsored by
16 Southern University at Shreveport; this program offers seniors, who are fifty-five years of
17 age or older, opportunities to serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers to economically
18 disadvantaged youth in a one-on-one setting; the program is designed to help improve
19 behavioral and educational outcomes for students with special and exceptional needs, such
20 as those who are victims of abuse or neglect; it also provides support to children and families

1 of veterans; the program serves over 280,000 special needs children through a network of
2 organizations and helps guide disadvantaged students to a higher level of academic
3 achievement; and

4 WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Foster
5 Grandparent Volunteer Program matches volunteers' willingness and capacity to dedicate
6 time and experience with the needs of children so that they can be prepared for the lives
7 ahead of them; and

8 WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Foster
9 Grandparent Volunteer Program continues to fulfill its mission of providing guidance and
10 support to disadvantaged children; the program's volunteers provide the necessary comfort
11 and love that help guide a child on a healthy path towards a successful future; these
12 volunteers are worthy of the highest recognition.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University
15 at Shreveport Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for forty-three years of service; does
16 hereby extend sincere wishes for the continued success of the program; and does hereby
17 recognize Thursday, May 4, 2023, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer
18 Day at the state capitol.

DIGEST

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Commends the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for 43 years of service and recognizes May 4, 2023, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day at the state capitol.