

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 80

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program is now sponsored by Southern University at Shreveport; this program offers seniors, who are fifty-five years of age or older, opportunities to serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers to economically disadvantaged youth in a one-on-one setting; the program is designed to help improve behavioral and educational outcomes for students with special and exceptional needs, such as those who are victims of abuse or neglect; it also provides support to children and families of veterans; the program serves over 280,000 special needs children through a network of organizations and helps guide disadvantaged students to a higher level of academic achievement; and

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES