

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 90

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program and to designate Friday, May 3, 2024, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparents Volunteer Day.

WHEREAS, the Foster Grandparent (FGP) Volunteer Program is under a new sponsorship, Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA); the program is federally funded through the Corporation for National and Community Service, which is now known as AmeriCorps Seniors; AmeriCorps Seniors brings people together to tackle the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteering; AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors FGP volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities; and

WHEREAS, this nationwide program offers seniors the opportunity to serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers to economically disadvantaged youth; these efforts improve behavioral and educational outcomes for students with special and exceptional needs, help children who suffer from abuse or neglect, and provide support to children of veterans or who have a deployed family members; the program serves over 280,000 special needs children through a network of various organizations and helps to guide students to higher academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps Seniors SUSLA Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program matches the willingness and capacity of Louisiana's FGP volunteers to devote their time, experience, and compassion with the needs of children to learn and prepare for the life ahead of them; and

WHEREAS, the program continues to fulfill its mission of providing guidance and support to disadvantaged children; AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers who serve in the Foster Grandparent program provide the kind of comfort and love that sets a child on a path to a successful future; AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers themselves report better health and longevity having served their community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program; does hereby designate Friday, May 3, 2024, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparents Volunteer Day; and does hereby extend sincere wishes for the program's continued success.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES