

House Resolution 457

By: Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Williams of the 168th, Prince of the 132nd, Kennard of the 101st, Thomas of the 65th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 12-18, 2023, as AmeriCorps Week Georgia; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, service is a hallmark of the American character and has the unique ability to
3 bring people of all backgrounds together in common cause, and throughout our history,
4 citizens have stepped up to meet our most pressing challenges of the day by volunteering in
5 their communities; and

6 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs provide opportunities for
7 Americans to serve their country through service at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and
8 community and faith-based groups across the country; and

9 WHEREAS, at this moment, there are 250,000 people serving as members or volunteers in
10 more than 40,000 locations across all 50 states and territories; and

11 WHEREAS, in Georgia, more than 1,650 AmeriCorps members, AmeriCorps Seniors, and
12 volunteers of diverse ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs at more than 21
13 service locations across the State of Georgia by responding to COVID-19, tutoring or
14 mentoring children and youth, supporting veterans and military families, combating the
15 opioid epidemic, restoring the environment, and responding to disasters; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia SERVES (Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism) is the
17 administrative agency for funds from the AmeriCorp/Corporation for National Community
18 Service, and Georgia SERVES along with AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors
19 volunteers encourage collaboration and partnerships, leveraging millions of volunteers in
20 service and acquiring the support of business, foundation, and other local partners to increase
21 the effectiveness of their initiatives; and

22 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs bring people together across
23 race, age, and zip code to address critical issues facing the country, forge relationships and
24 cultivate mutual respect, and help build resilient and thriving communities; and

25 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers demonstrate their
26 dedication and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service that remains with
27 them in their future endeavors; and

28 WHEREAS, through their service, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors
29 volunteers strengthen the lives of their families, communities, and the State of Georgia as a
30 whole; and

31 WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in
32 community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact
33 and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

34 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and
35 commitment of the more than 1.2 million Americans who have chosen to serve their country
36 through AmeriCorps as well as the millions more who have served in AmeriCorps Seniors

37 and their community partners, encouraging more Americans to follow their footsteps in
38 service.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body recognize March 12-18, 2023, as AmeriCorps Week Georgia and
41 urge citizens to thank AmeriCorps members and alumni and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers
42 for their service and to find their own ways to give back to their communities.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
45 public and the press.