

IN THE SENATE

SENATE PROCLAMATION NO. 101

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A PROCLAMATION

1
2 COMMENDING PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS FROM THE STATE OF IDAHO AS WELL AS ALL VOL-
3 UNTEERS ACROSS THE NATION.

4 We, the members of the Senate of the State of Idaho assembled in the
5 First Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, do hereby pro-
6 claim:

7 WHEREAS, on March 1, 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed an execu-
8 tive order establishing the Peace Corps and in the fall of 1961, the inaugu-
9 ral group of volunteers departed to serve in Ghana and Tanzania. Since 1961,
10 more than 170,000 Americans have joined the Peace Corps, ranging in age from
11 18 to 86; and

12 WHEREAS, March 2, 2011, marks the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps.
13 Today, the Peace Corps Act mandate remains the same as it was 50 years ago, to
14 "promote world peace and friendship" through three goals of helping the peo-
15 ple of interested countries and areas in meeting their needs for trained men
16 and women, helping promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of
17 the peoples served, and helping promote a better understanding of other peo-
18 ples on the part of Americans; and

19 WHEREAS, the Peace Corps actively recruits volunteers with a variety of
20 backgrounds and experiences to best share our nation's greatest resource -
21 its people - with the communities where volunteers serve around the globe.
22 Volunteers serve in the areas of education, youth and community development,
23 health, business and information and communication technology, agricul-
24 ture, environment, HIV/AIDS and food security and have made significant and
25 lasting contributions in those areas, improving the lives of individuals and
26 communities where they serve; and

27 WHEREAS, the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's
28 commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand develop-
29 ment at the grass roots level in the developing world; and

30 WHEREAS, Peace Corps volunteers, enriched by their experiences over-
31 seas, have also brought their communities throughout the United States a
32 deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a
33 domestic dividend to our nation; and

34 WHEREAS, since its inception, there have been 1,347 Peace Corps volun-
35 teers from the state of Idaho with many volunteers coming from the various
36 colleges and universities including the University of Idaho, North Idaho
37 College, Lewis Clark State College, Boise State University, College of
38 Idaho, Northwest Nazarene College, College of Southern Idaho, Idaho State
39 University and BYU Idaho.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the members of the Senate assembled
41 in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, that we
42 congratulate and commend the Peace Corps volunteers for 50 years of service
43 and contributions that have positively affected many lives as well as for

1 their inspiration for the next generation of volunteers promoting peace and
2 friendship around the world.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support the agency's mission and legacy
4 of service by honoring those who have served from the state of Idaho, as well
5 as all those who have served from across the nation.