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Joint Resolution

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To recognize both Peace Corps volunteers and the Peace Corps on the Agency's twenty-fifth anniversary, 1985-86.

Whereas the United States Peace Corps is beginning its twenty-fifth year of providing volunteers to serve in countries of the developing world in helping people help themselves in their reach for a better life;

Whereas over one hundred and twenty thousand Americans have served in the Peace Corps in over ninety countries around the world in programs that have significantly added to bridges of understanding between the people of the United States and the peoples of the countries it has been privileged to serve;

Whereas Peace Corps volunteers have returned to their communities enriched by the experience, more knowledgeable of the world and the challenges of building a lasting peace;

Whereas Peace Corps volunteers continue to maintain open channels of communication with their friends in the country where they served, thereby continuing to build solid commitments of understanding; and

Whereas the response of Americans to Peace Corps' call for service in seeking long-term solutions to the complex human problems of hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and disease continue to exceed its recruitment requirements: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the period October 1, 1985, through September 30, 1986, shall be the official time set aside to reflect on the achievements of the Peace Corps during its twenty-five years, as well as to consider innovative ways that the talents and expertise of its volunteers and other bilateral volunteer programs might be used in the future; the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation setting forth October 1, 1985, through September 30, 1986, as a period of time to honor Peace Corps volunteers past and present, and reaffirm our Nation's commitment to helping people in the developing world help themselves.

Approved October 1, 1985.

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