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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The national service program AmeriCorps has proven
2 to be a highly effective way to engage Americans in a lifetime of
3 volunteerism while meeting a wide range of local and national
4 needs; and

5 WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1994, nearly 500,000 citizens
6 across the country and some 17,000 in Texas have taken the
7 AmeriCorps pledge to "get things done"; and

8 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members have accumulated more than 12
9 million hours in service, tutoring and mentoring disadvantaged
10 youth, fighting illiteracy, improving health services, building
11 affordable housing, teaching computer skills, cleaning parks and
12 streams, managing and operating after-school programs, helping
13 communities recover from disasters, and expanding the capacity of
14 nonprofit organizations; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2008, AmeriCorps in Texas provided opportunities
16 for approximately 1,600 people to address the unmet needs of
17 communities; these dedicated individuals subsequently recruited
18 and supervised more than 16,000 community volunteers,
19 demonstrating that AmeriCorps in Texas is a powerful catalyst for
20 volunteer recruitment and engagement; and

21 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps distributed over \$10 million in grants in
22 Texas in 2008-2009, along with hundreds of millions of dollars in
23 additional funds and in-kind donations that were leveraged from
24 other sources; and

1 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week 2009, observed May 9 through 16, is
2 an opportune time to salute current and former AmeriCorps in Texas
3 members for their tremendous contributions, to thank AmeriCorps in
4 Texas community partners, and to encourage Texans to consider
5 serving in this outstanding program; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize May 9-16, 2009, as AmeriCorps Week and
8 extend sincere appreciation to AmeriCorps in Texas for its
9 significant efforts in behalf of the state.