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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 775,000 citizens
6 across the country and some 40,000 in Texas have taken the
7 AmeriCorps pledge to "get things done"; of the 80,000 individuals
8 serving in 2012, 3,265 were Texans; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the years, AmeriCorps Texas members have
10 accumulated more than 51 million hours in service, tutoring and
11 mentoring disadvantaged youth, fighting illiteracy, improving
12 health services, building affordable housing, teaching computer
13 skills, cleaning parks and streams, managing and operating
14 after-school programs, helping communities recover from disasters,
15 and supporting veterans and military families; and

16 WHEREAS, Working with over 2,200 nonprofit, community,
17 educational, and faith-based groups across the Lone Star State,
18 AmeriCorps Texas participants have earned more than \$103 million in
19 Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards to help afford college or pay
20 back student loans; and

21 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week 2013, observed March 9-17, is an
22 opportune time to salute current and former AmeriCorps Texas
23 members for their tremendous contributions, to thank AmeriCorps
24 Texas community partners, and to encourage Texans to consider

1 serving in this outstanding program; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 9-17, 2013, as AmeriCorps Week
4 and extend sincere appreciation to members of AmeriCorps Texas for
5 their significant efforts in behalf of the state.