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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SHUSTERMAN, SIEGEL, SANCHEZ, KINSEY, MADDEN,  
SCHLOSSBERG, KENYATTA, KHAN, STRUZZI AND NEILSON, MAY 2, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MAY 2, 2023

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of March 12 through 18, 2023, as  
2 "AmeriCorps Week" in Pennsylvania and expressing appreciation  
3 for AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers  
4 across this Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, Since the creation of AmeriCorps in 1993, the  
6 AmeriCorps national service program has proven to be highly  
7 effective in engaging Americans of all ages and backgrounds in  
8 meeting a wide range of community needs and promoting the ethics  
9 of service and volunteerism; and

10 WHEREAS, Each year, AmeriCorps, including AmeriCorps State  
11 and National, AmeriCorps NCCC, AmeriCorps VISTA and AmeriCorps  
12 Seniors, provides opportunities for 250,000 individuals across  
13 the nation, including 11,300 in this Commonwealth, to give back  
14 in an intensive way to communities, helping to improve the lives  
15 of this Commonwealth's most vulnerable residents, strengthening  
16 the educational system, protecting the environment and  
17 contributing to public safety; and

18 WHEREAS, PennSERVE and the AmeriCorps agency have  
19 strengthened this Commonwealth's private sector by investing

1 more than \$35 million this past year to support the efforts of  
2 more than 1,400 nonprofit organizations, schools and community  
3 groups, providing grants which leveraged more than \$14 million  
4 in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public  
5 agencies and other sources, strengthening community impact and  
6 increasing the return on taxpayer dollars; and

7 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members nationwide, in return for their  
8 service, have earned more than \$4 billion in Segal AmeriCorps  
9 Education Awards to use to further their own educational  
10 advancement at colleges and universities, including \$189 million  
11 that have been awarded to residents of this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, After their terms of service end, AmeriCorps members  
13 remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers,  
14 public servants and nonprofit leaders at disproportionately high  
15 levels; and

16 WHEREAS, "AmeriCorps Week" is an opportune time for the  
17 residents of this Commonwealth to salute AmeriCorps members and  
18 AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers of the past and present for their  
19 powerful impact and to thank all AmeriCorps community partners  
20 in this Commonwealth who make the program possible and bring  
21 more Americans into service; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
23 designate the week of March 12 through 18, 2023, as "AmeriCorps  
24 Week" in Pennsylvania and express appreciation for AmeriCorps  
25 members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers across this  
26 Commonwealth; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urge all residents of  
28 this Commonwealth to thank AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps  
29 Seniors volunteers of the past and present for their service to  
30 our communities.