
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 135
Author: Laird (D)
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Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Peace Corps Week

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution proclaims March 1, 2026, to March 7, 2026, inclusive, as Peace Corps Week, in recognition of the 65th anniversary of the establishment of the United States Peace Corps, as provided.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The United States Peace Corps, established by President John F. Kennedy on March 1, 1961, by signing Executive Order No. 10924, is celebrating its 65th anniversary in 2026 in recognition of nearly 240,000 Peace Corps volunteers who have served our nation in more than 140 host countries since the program began.
- 2) Peace Corps volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health, and environmental preservation, and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the globe.
- 3) California has National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura and in northern California and the Sacramento Valley.
- 4) The Peace Corps Volunteers Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2025, introduced as H.R. 5521 on September 19, 2025, and supported by bipartisan cosponsors, is the highest honor that the United States Congress can bestow on a group of civilians for distinguished service to the United States.
- 5) Awarding a Congressional Gold Medal will recognize the outstanding achievements of Peace Corps volunteers, will educate our nation about the

value of Peace Corps service at the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and will serve as a significant opportunity to encourage individuals to join the Peace Corps.

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FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 3/3/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 3/3/26)

None received

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