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# South Dakota Legislature



## House Commemoration 8012

Introduced by: **Representatives** Saba, Barthel, Beal, Bordeaux, Borglum, Cwach, Duba, Finck, Goodwin, Healy, Koth, Olson, Perry, Jamie Smith, Wangsness, and Zikmund and **Senators** Nesiba, Bolin, Castleberry, Curd, Duhamel, Foster, Heinert, Kennedy, Kolbeck, Partridge, V. J. Smith, Soholt, Stalzer, Steinhauer, White, Wiik, and Wismer

**ENTITLED A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing Peace Corps volunteers and returned volunteers for their service to our country and the world.**

WHEREAS, fifty-nine years ago our nation launched an effort that would forever change the way Americans see the world and the world sees us through the development of the United States Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers live and work alongside the people they serve, collaborating with local governments, schools, small businesses, and entrepreneurs to create sustainable, community-based projects that address local development priorities across six sectors; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers work in the fields of education, health care, agriculture, youth development, economic development and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, more than 240,000 American men and women have served in 142 countries around the world, and over 7,300 Americans are currently serving in 61 countries across the globe, encouraging progress, creating opportunity and fostering mutual respect and understanding throughout the world; and



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WHEREAS, six hundred seventy-five South Dakotans served as Peace Corps Volunteers since 1961, including ten South Dakotans who are currently serving our nation overseas; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota is home to many returned Peace Corps volunteers who provide many social and volunteer services throughout the state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature recognizes and supports the efforts of Peace Corps volunteers and returned volunteers to their ongoing support of the mission of the United States Peace Corps and thanks them for their service to our country and to the world.

