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House Commemoration 8012

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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