

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6027

A RESOLUTION designating April 4, 2017, as Senior Corps and National Service Day
at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, Service to others is central to how the United States meets and overcomes challenges and is one of the hallmarks of our American character; and

WHEREAS, States are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet local needs; and

WHEREAS, National service expands economic opportunities as it creates more sustainable and resilient communities, provides participants with education, and also offers them career and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, National service is a unique public and private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer money; and

WHEREAS, National service participants demonstrate their commitment, dedication and patriotism by making extensive commitments to public service; and

WHEREAS, Senior Corps and National Service Day participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities. They educate students to do jobs in the 21st century, support veterans and military families, provide health services, and help communities recover from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, For 2016-2017, the Corporation for National and Community Service committed more than \$7,610,000 to support Kansas communities through national service initiatives, while leveraging an additional \$4,680,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, More than 3,900 Senior Corps participants serve in approximately 24 programs in more than 900 locations across Kansas, bolstering the civic, neighborhood and faith-based organizations that are so vital to Kansas' economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Association of Senior Corps Directors, with the help of their local funders, the Corporation for National and Community Service and national service programs across Kansas engage residents, improve lives and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, This body participates fully in National Service Recognition Day, and encourages residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our country, to thank those who serve and to find ways to give back to their communities: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we declare April 4, 2017, as Senior Corps and National Service Day at the Capitol; and

Be it further resolved: That we recognize and congratulate Kansas national service programs for their contributions to local communities.

House Resolution No. 6027 was sponsored by Representative Jim Kelly.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.