

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6061

A RESOLUTION designating April 29 through May 5, 2018, as Senior Corps Week at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, Service to others is central to how the United States, and specifically Kansas, meets and overcomes challenges and is also 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, Senior Corps expands economic opportunities by creating more sustainable and resilient communities; and

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

WHEREAS, Senior Corps participants, including the Foster Grandparent Program, the Senior Grandparent Program and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), address the most pressing challenges facing our communities. These programs educate students to do jobs of the 21st century, support veterans and military families, provide health services and help communities recover after natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Between 2016 and 2017, the Corporation for National and Community Service committed more than \$3,852,165 to support Kansas Senior Corps programs through national service initiatives, while leveraging an additional \$1,332,260 in local resources to strengthen community impact, build local support and increase return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, More than 4,267 Kansas Senior Corps participants serve in approximately 26 programs in more than 62 counties across Kansas, and record approximately 822,948 hours of service, bolstering the civic, neighborhood and faith-based organizations that are so vital to Kansas' economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Senior Corps directors, along with their local funders and the Corporation for National and Community Service, provide service programs across Kansas that engage residents, improve lives and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas legislature fully participates in Senior Corps Week, encourages residents to recognize the positive impact of volunteer service in Kansas and thanks those who serve and 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 designate April 29 through May 5, 2018, as Senior Corps Week at the Capitol and that we recognize and congratulate Kansas Senior Corps programs for their contributions to local communities.

House Resolution No. 6061 was sponsored by Representative Sydney Carlin.

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.