

**Introduced by Senator Padilla**

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Senate Resolution No. 8—Relative to Peace Corps Month.

1 WHEREAS, The Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol  
2 of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create  
3 opportunity, and expand development at the grassroots level in the  
4 developing world; and

5 WHEREAS, On March 1, 2011, the Peace Corps celebrates the  
6 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's signing of  
7 Executive Order 10924 establishing the Peace Corps; and

8 WHEREAS, The Congress authorized the Peace Corps through  
9 the Peace Corps Act that declared the program's purpose to  
10 promote world peace and friendship through a Peace Corps, which  
11 shall be made available to interested countries and areas where  
12 men and women of the United States are qualified for service  
13 abroad and willing to serve, under conditions of hardship if  
14 necessary, to help the peoples of such countries and areas in  
15 meeting their needs for trained manpower; and

16 WHEREAS, More than 200,000 Americans have served as  
17 Peace Corps volunteers in 139 countries since 1961; and

18 WHEREAS, Over the past 50 years, 27,300 men and women  
19 from California have responded to our nation's call to serve by  
20 joining the Peace Corps, making California the largest source of  
21 Peace Corps Volunteers in the nation; and

22 WHEREAS, Peace Corps volunteers have made significant and  
23 lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, education,  
24 health, business development, and the environment, and have  
25 improved the lives of individuals and communities around the  
26 world; and

1 WHEREAS, Peace Corps volunteers have strengthened the ties  
2 of friendship and understanding between the people of the United  
3 States and those of other countries; and

4 WHEREAS, Peace Corps volunteers, enriched by their  
5 understanding of other cultures and traditions and experiences  
6 overseas, have brought home to their communities throughout the  
7 United States a commitment to service, thereby bringing a domestic  
8 dividend to our nation; and

9 WHEREAS, It is indeed fitting to recognize the achievements  
10 of the Peace Corps and honor its volunteers, past and present, and  
11 reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help  
12 themselves throughout the world; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That it takes  
14 great pleasure in commending the United States Peace Corps on  
15 the occasion of its 50th Anniversary and that it declares the month  
16 of March 2011 as Peace Corps Month in California; and be it  
17 further

18 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
19 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.