

Senate Resolution No. 8

Introduced by Senator Padilla

Relative to Peace Corps Month

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Peace Corps volunteers, enriched by their understanding of other cultures and traditions and experiences overseas, have brought

home to their communities throughout the United States a commitment to service, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation; and

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

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

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

Senate Resolution No. 8 read and adopted by the Senate February 28, 2011.

Attest: _____
Secretary of the Senate