

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 84

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A RESOLUTION

To designate Friday, May 9, 2025, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day and to commend the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) Caddo/Bossier/DeSoto Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for forty-five years of service.

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps promotes bridge-building, collaboration, and leadership, and its programs unite Americans from different backgrounds, generations, and geographic locations; and

WHEREAS, for more than five decades, millions of AmeriCorps volunteers have participated in the Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program and have played an important role in strengthening communities by sharing their experience, knowledge, and accomplishments with the individuals they serve; and

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program is a nationwide program that offers seniors who are fifty-five years of age or older an opportunity to serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers to economically disadvantaged youth; and

WHEREAS, the program helps to improve behavioral and educational outcomes for students with special and exceptional needs, cares for children who suffer from abuse or neglect, and provides support to children of veterans or those with deployed family members; and

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program serves more than two hundred eighty thousand special needs children through a network of various organizations and helps to guide students to higher academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) Caddo/Bossier/DeSoto Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program is fueled by the support of volunteers from Caddo, Bossier, and DeSoto Parishes and these compassionate individuals donate their time and experience to serve the needs of children and to prepare them for life; and

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) Caddo/Bossier/DeSoto Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program continues to fulfill its mission of providing guidance and support to disadvantaged children and the volunteers who support the program provide the comfort and love a child needs to grow and succeed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Friday, May 9, 2025, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day and does hereby commend the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) Caddo/Bossier/DeSoto Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for forty-five years of service.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE