

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172

BY REPRESENTATIVES WALTERS, JACKSON, AND PHELPS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Caddo/Bossier Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program on forty-six years of service to children and designates May 1, 2026, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Caddo/Bossier Foster
3 Grandparent Volunteer Program for forty-six years of exceptional service and to
4 designate Friday, May 1, 2026, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent
5 Volunteer Day in Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, service in AmeriCorps promotes bridge-building, collaboration, and
7 leadership skills, and AmeriCorps programs bring together people from different
8 backgrounds, generations, and geographic locations; and

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

13 WHEREAS, this nationwide program offers seniors, who are fifty-five years of age
14 or older, the opportunity to serve as one-on-one mentors, tutors, and caregivers to
15 economically disadvantaged youth; the program serves to improve behavioral and
16 educational outcomes for students with special and exceptional needs, helps children who
17 suffer from abuse or neglect, and provides support to children of veterans or who have
18 deployed family members; it also serves more than two hundred eighty thousand special
19 needs children through a network of various organizations and helps guide students to higher
20 academic achievement; and

1 WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Foster
2 Grandparent Volunteer Program matches the willingness and capacity of the Caddo/Bossier
3 Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program's participants with the needs of children to learn and
4 prepare for the life ahead of them; and

5 WHEREAS, this program continues to fulfill its mission of providing guidance and
6 support to disadvantaged children and enriches the lives of the volunteers who serve them;
7 these volunteers provide comfort and love, which sets children on a path to a successful
8 future.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University
11 at Shreveport Caddo/Bossier Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for forty-six years of
12 exceptional service to children; does hereby extend best wishes for continued success in the
13 future; and does hereby designate Friday, May 1, 2026, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster
14 Grandparent Volunteer Day in Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Walters

Commends AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Caddo/Bossier Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for 46 years of exceptional service and designates May 1, 2026, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day in La.