

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 68

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program and recognizes May 5, 2022, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Foster Grandparent
3 Volunteer Program for forty-two years of service and recognizes Thursday, May 5,
4 2022, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day at the state capitol.

5 WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University
6 at Shreveport Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for forty-two years of exceptional
7 service in Caddo and Bossier parishes and newer service in Desoto Parish; and

8 WHEREAS, the Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program is a federally funded
9 program, sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, now known
10 as AmeriCorps, which brings people together to tackle the country's most pressing issues
11 through service work and volunteering; AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers
12 assist organizations that are committed to the improvement of communities across the
13 country; and

14 WHEREAS, the Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program is now sponsored by
15 Southern University at Shreveport; this program offers seniors, who are fifty-five years of
16 age or older, opportunities to serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers to economically
17 disadvantaged youth in a one-on-one setting; the program is designed to help improve
18 behavioral and educational outcomes for students with special and exceptional needs, such
19 as those who are victims of abuse or neglect; it also provides support to children and families
20 of veterans; the program serves over 280,000 special needs children through a network of

1 organizations and helps guide disadvantaged students to a higher level of academic
2 achievement; and

3 WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Foster
4 Grandparent Volunteer Program matches volunteers' willingness and capacity to dedicate
5 time and experience with the needs of children so that they can be prepared for the lives
6 ahead of them; and

7 WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Foster
8 Grandparent Volunteer Program continues to fulfill its mission of providing guidance and
9 support to disadvantaged children; the program's volunteers provide the necessary comfort
10 and love that help guide a child on a healthy path towards a successful future; these
11 volunteers are worthy of the highest recognition.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University
14 at Shreveport Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for forty-two years of service; does
15 hereby extend sincere wishes for the continued success of the program; and does hereby
16 recognize Thursday, May 5, 2022, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer
17 Day at the state capitol.

DIGEST

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Commends the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for 42 years of service and recognizes May 5, 2022, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day at the state capitol.