

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

BY SENATOR JENKINS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Friday, May 1, 2026, as AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for the forty-six years of exceptional service it has provided in Caddo and Bossier parishes; and

WHEREAS, service in AmeriCorps promotes bridge-building, collaboration, and leadership skills to bring the people of the United States together from different backgrounds, generations, and geographic locations; and

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

WHEREAS, this nationwide program offers seniors, fifty-five years of age or older, the opportunity to serve as one-on-one mentors, tutors, and caregivers to economically disadvantaged youth; and

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

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps is serving over two hundred eighty thousand special needs children through a network of various organizations, helping to guide students to higher academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps Seniors SUSLA Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program matches the willingness and capacity of Caddo/Bossier FGP's volunteers to devote their time, experience, and compassion with the needs of children to learn and prepare for the life ahead of them; and

WHEREAS, this program continues to fulfill its mission of providing guidance and support to disadvantaged children, while enriching the lives of the senior volunteers resulting in better health and longevity having served their community; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers who serve with the Foster Grandparent Program provide the kind of comfort and love that sets a child on a path to a successful future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Caddo/Bossier Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for forty-six years of exceptional service to children and does hereby extend best wishes for its continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the AmeriCorps Seniors of SUSLA Caddo/Bossier Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE