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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172

BY REPRESENTATIVES WALTERS, JACKSON, AND PHELPS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS, for more than five decades, millions of AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in the 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, who are fifty-five years of age or older, the opportunity to serve as one-on-one mentors, tutors, and caregivers to economically disadvantaged youth; the program serves 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 who have deployed family members; it also serves more than two hundred eighty thousand special needs children through a network of various organizations and helps guide students to higher academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program matches the willingness and capacity of the Caddo/Bossier Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program's participants 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 and enriches the lives of the volunteers who serve them; these volunteers provide comfort and love, which sets children on a path to a successful future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives 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; does hereby extend best wishes for continued success in the future; and does hereby designate Friday, May 1, 2026, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day in Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES