

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4632, by Representatives Hunt, Ryu, Moscoso, Finn, Lytton, Rodne, Stanford, Jinkins, Billig, Kelley, Dickerson, Orwall, Springer, Seaquist, Rolfes, Dunshee, Blake, Smith, Takko, Tharinger, Cody, Haigh, Hudgins, Reykdal, Maxwell, Kenney, Clibborn, Roberts, Carlyle, Hasegawa, Kagi, Pedersen, Ladenburg, Santos, Appleton, McCoy, Moeller, Sullivan, Ross, Upthegrove, Pettigrew, Hurst, Van De Wege, Haler, Green, Frockt, Nealey, Zeiger, Probst, Jacks, Schmick, Parker, Sells, Hinkle, Fitzgibbon, Bailey, Orcutt, Alexander, Shea, Dammeier, Wilcox, Warnick, Harris, Kretz, Overstreet, Condotta, and Taylor

WHEREAS, The Peace Corps was established in 1961 by John F. Kennedy to ". . .help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women. . .; help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of peoples served. . .; and to help promote a better understanding of other peoples. . ."; and

WHEREAS, The Peace Corps will be celebrating its 50th anniversary of service in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Since 1961, approximately 200,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 139 host countries in what some call "the toughest job you'll ever love"; and

WHEREAS, Over the Peace Corps' half-century of service, 8,400 tough-minded and dedicated volunteers from the state of Washington have assisted countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, This number ranks the state of Washington fourth among all states in number of Peace Corps Volunteers who have served their country; and

WHEREAS, Today, over 8,000 Peace Corps Volunteers nationwide continue to work with local government, communities, schools, and businesses in 77 countries to address changing needs in education, health, business, and information technology; and

WHEREAS, Returned volunteers have brought back a deeper understanding of the world's populations, have continued to serve their country in a variety of ways, and represent a valuable domestic return on America's investment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives offer our congratulations to the Peace Corps as it turns 50, recognize its accomplishments, and convey our deep appreciation to all present and former Peace Corps Volunteers as they continue to promote peace and friendship at home and around the world.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4632 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 28, 2011

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk