

House Resolution

No. 8

Introduced by Assembly Member Valadao

March 1, 2011

House Resolution No. 8—Relative to Peace Corps Month.

1 WHEREAS, The Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol
2 of our nation’s commitment to encourage progress, create
3 opportunity, and expand development at the grassroots level in the
4 developing world; and

5 WHEREAS, On March 1, 2011, the Peace Corps celebrates the
6 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy’s signing of
7 Executive Order 10924 establishing the Peace Corps; and

8 WHEREAS, Congress authorized the Peace Corps through the
9 Peace Corps Act that declared the program’s purpose to promote
10 world peace and friendship through a Peace Corps, which shall be
11 made available to interested countries and areas where men and
12 women of the United States are qualified for service abroad and
13 willing to serve, under conditions of hardship if necessary, to help
14 the peoples of those countries and areas in meeting their needs for
15 trained manpower; and

16 WHEREAS, More than 200,000 Americans have served as
17 Peace Corps volunteers in 139 countries since 1961; and

18 WHEREAS, Over the past 50 years, 27,300 men and women
19 from California have responded to our nation’s call to serve by
20 joining the Peace Corps, making California the largest source of
21 Peace Corps volunteers in the nation; and

22 WHEREAS, Peace Corps volunteers have made significant and
23 lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, education,
24 health, business development, and the environment, and have

1 improved the lives of individuals and communities around the
2 world; and

3 WHEREAS, Peace Corps volunteers have strengthened the ties
4 of friendship and understanding between the people of the United
5 States and those of other countries; and

6 WHEREAS, Peace Corps volunteers, enriched by their
7 understanding of other cultures and traditions and experiences
8 overseas, have brought home to their communities throughout the
9 United States a commitment to service, thereby bringing a domestic
10 dividend to our nation; and

11 WHEREAS, It is indeed fitting to recognize the achievements
12 of the Peace Corps and honor its volunteers, past and present, and
13 reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help
14 themselves throughout the world; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
16 Assembly takes great pleasure in commending the United States
17 Peace Corps on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and declares
18 the month of March 2011 as Peace Corps Month in California;
19 and be it further

20 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
21 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.