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5 By: Senator J. English
6 By: Representatives Love, A. Collins

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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO PROCLAIM MARCH 7-13, 2021, AS AMERICORPS WEEK IN
10 ARKANSAS.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 AMERICORPS WEEK IN ARKANSAS.

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18 WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and
19 throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our challenges by
20 volunteering in their communities; and

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22 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps provides opportunities for nearly seventy-five
23 thousand (75,000) Americans each year to serve their country through an
24 intensive commitment to service at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and
25 community and faith-based groups across the country; and

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27 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps enriches the lives of its members, building habits
28 that create engaged citizens who are active participants in civic matters
29 affecting their communities long after their service terms are completed; and

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31 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members encourage collaboration and partnerships,
32 leveraging millions of volunteers in service and acquiring the support of
33 business partners to increase the effectiveness of their initiatives; and

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35 WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 annual state report reflects that in Arkansas
36 more than three thousand three hundred (3,300) AmeriCorps members of various



1 ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs at more than three hundred
2 (300) locations in the state by tutoring or mentoring children and youth,
3 restoring the environment, increasing food security, and responding to
4 disasters; and

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6 WHEREAS, in exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members develop
7 valuable work skills, earn money for continuing education, and strengthen the
8 lives of their families, their communities, and the state as a whole; and

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10 WHEREAS, since AmeriCorps was founded in 1993, more than ten thousand
11 (10,000) residents in Arkansas have served approximately sixteen million
12 (16,000,000) hours through AmeriCorps and have received higher education and
13 loan reimbursement from the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award totaling more
14 than thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000); and

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16 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication
17 and commitment of the more than one million (1,000,000) Americans who have
18 chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps and their community
19 partners, and to encourage more Americans to follow their footsteps in
20 service,

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22 NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
24 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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26 THAT the Senate thank AmeriCorps members for their service and proclaim
27 the week of March 7-13, 2021, as AmeriCorps Week in Arkansas.

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, an appropriate copy of this
30 resolution shall be provided to Ms. Shana Chaplin of EngageAR by the
31 Secretary of the Senate.