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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27 (legislative day, MARCH 26), 1996

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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Whereas the Peace Corps has become a powerful symbol of America's commitment to expand hope, create opportunity, and encourage development at the grass roots level in the developing world;

Whereas more than 140,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps volunteers in more than 125 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Central Asia, Eastern and Central Europe, and the Western Hemisphere since 1961, and have strengthened the ties of friendship and understand-

ing between the people of the United States and those of other countries;

Whereas Peace Corps volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business development, education, the environment, health, and youth development, and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world;

Whereas Peace Corps volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought to their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions;

Whereas Peace Corps volunteers embody and represent many of America's most enduring values, such as service, commitment to the poor, and friendship among nations;

Whereas the Peace Corps continues to receive broad, bipartisan support in Congress and from the American people;

Whereas members of the House and Senate were greatly saddened by the recent death of Loret Miller Ruppe, the longest serving director of the Peace Corps;

Whereas Loret Ruppe's inspirational vision, dedication and leadership revitalized the Peace Corps as she began or revived programs in Sri Lanka, Haiti, Burundi, Guinea-Bissau, Chad, Equatorial Guinea and the Cape Verde Islands; energized a new generation of Americans to accept the challenge of serving in the Corps; refocused the Corps on its mission of development to achieve world peace and did a great service to America and to the millions of the world's citizens touched by her efforts; and

Whereas March 1, 1996 will mark the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Peace Corps: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 That the achievements and contributions of the Peace
 4 Corps over the past 35 years be celebrated; that the dedi-
 5 cation and sacrifice of Peace Corps volunteers *and of the*
 6 *organization's longest serving director, Loret Ruppe* be rec-
 7 ognized and ~~their~~ *the volunteers'* continued contributions
 8 be acknowledged not only for their service in other coun-
 9 tries but in their own communities; and that the President
 10 is requested to honor Peace Corps volunteers *and the*
 11 *memory of their great leader Loret Ruppe* and reaffirm our
 12 Nation's commitment to international peace and under-
 13 standing.

Amend the title so as to read: "A Joint Resolution to recognize the Peace Corps on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and the Americans who have served as Peace Corps volunteers *and to honor the memory of former Peace Corps director Loret Ruppe.*"

Passed the House of Representatives March 26, 1996.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.