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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Subtitle

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE,

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

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

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