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H. RES. 216

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of increasing the funding of Job Corps, AmeriCorps, and the Peace Corps.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2011

Mr. McDERMOTT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of increasing the funding of Job Corps, AmeriCorps, and the Peace Corps.

Whereas Job Corps was created in 1964 under President Lyndon Johnson as part of his administration's "war on poverty";

Whereas Job Corps is an education and training program that helps young people learn skills for a successful career, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good job;

Whereas, since its inception, Job Corps has served approximately 60,000 young people annually at Job Corps Cen-

ters throughout the Nation, and Job Corps has trained more than 2.5 million participants;

Whereas the Peace Corps was created in 1961 under President John F. Kennedy to permit people “to exercise more fully their responsibilities in the great common cause of world development”;

Whereas Peace Corps participants are focused on grassroots community development working with local community partners to improve those communities and generate goodwill among citizens of different nations;

Whereas there have been more than 200,000 Peace Corps participants since its inception, and there were more than 13,500 applicants in 2010, but fewer than 6,750 were accepted due to funding limits;

Whereas AmeriCorps was created under President Bill Clinton as part of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993;

Whereas more than 85,000 participants join AmeriCorps annually, and more than 637,000 have served since its inception;

Whereas, while the recession that began in 2007 has impacted workers of every age and level of experience, the damage that is being wrought on young people attempting to begin their careers is devastating;

Whereas these 3 programs should be part of the overall plan to stimulate and encourage job creation, as they are proven programs that provide skills, training, and a modicum of income to tens of thousands of young people who are entering the job market;

Whereas all 3 programs have generated bipartisan support in the Congress and among Democratic and Republican administrations;

Whereas it is critical that young Americans, who will be the future of our Nation and the world, have opportunities to be a part of the workforce in a meaningful way as they begin their careers;

Whereas these programs can provide opportunities for thousands of young people, but doubling the funding for these programs from their 2009 levels for the remainder of fiscal year 2011 and for fiscal year 2012, will vastly expand the programs, and will help communities and developing community partners all over the world; and

Whereas a greater investment in Job Corps, Peace Corps, and AmeriCorps will be an investment in young people and an investment in the future: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 2 resentatives that appropriations for fiscal years 2011 and
 3 2012 should be—

4 (1) \$3,400,000,000 for Job Corps;

5 (2) \$1,830,000,000 for AmeriCorps; and

6 (3) \$892,000,000 for the Peace Corps.

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