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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE PEACE CORPS EXPANSION ACT OF 2009.

1           WHEREAS, on March 1, 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed  
2 an Executive Order establishing the Peace Corps; and

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4           WHEREAS, since President Kennedy established the Peace  
5 Corps, more than 195,000 volunteers, 1,274 from Hawaii, have  
6 served in 139 countries; and

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8           WHEREAS, Peace Corps continues to be one of America's  
9 finest expressions of friendship and solidarity across the  
10 globe; and

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12           WHEREAS, the Peace Corps is focused on grassroots, bottom-  
13 up development, with volunteers working side-by-side with  
14 community members in the most humble communities around the  
15 world; and

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17           WHEREAS, Peace Corps has reported that over 20 countries  
18 requested a Peace Corps program, and that many countries with  
19 existing programs would welcome additional volunteers; and

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21           WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2008, Peace Corps reported its  
22 volunteers provided assistance to more than 2.1 million people  
23 around the world, helped train nearly 160,000 service providers  
24 and assisted with nearly 600 grassroots projects through the  
25 Peace Corps Partnership Program; and

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27           WHEREAS, at the cost of less than \$45,000 per volunteer,  
28 Peace Corps volunteers are highly cost-effective; and

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30           WHEREAS, in so many ways, returned Peace Corps volunteers  
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5 WHEREAS, 13,011 Americans applied in 2008 to volunteer  
6 their service to serve the world's poorest communities, Peace  
7 Corps is able to provide placements for fewer than 4,000; and  
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9 WHEREAS, in his December 5, 2007 speech entitled "A Call to  
10 Serve," President Barack Obama made a commitment to double the  
11 size of the Peace Corps by its 50th anniversary in 2011 and  
12 reach out to other nations to engage their young people in  
13 similar programs enabling us to work side by side to take on the  
14 common challenges that confront all humanity; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives is  
17 considering H.R. 1066, the "Peace Corps Expansion Act of 2009,"  
18 to increase the 2010 fiscal year budget of Peace Corps to  
19 \$450,000,000; now, therefore,  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
23 of 2009, that it supports President Obama's commitment to  
24 doubling the number of Peace Corps volunteers by 2011 as well as  
25 urges the United States Congress to pass and fully fund the  
26 Peace Corps Expansion Act of 2009; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional delegation,  
30 President Barack Obama, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate  
31 President Harry Reid, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton,  
32 and Peace Corps Acting Director Josephine Olsen.  
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