

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 HOUSE  
4 RESOLUTION 1052

By: Young

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution proclaiming April 5, 2016, as National  
9 Service Recognition Day; congratulating and  
10 commending AmeriCorps and Senior Corps; and  
encouraging residents to recognize positive impact of  
national service; and providing for distribution.

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13 WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American  
14 character and central to how we meet our challenges; and

15 WHEREAS, the nation's communities are increasingly turning to  
16 national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to  
17 meet critical needs; and

18 WHEREAS, participants in AmeriCorps and Senior Corps address  
19 some of the most pressing challenges facing Oklahoma including  
20 responding to the Moore tornadoes and other disasters; working to  
21 eliminate hunger through the Regional Food Bank; providing  
22 education, language and cultural preservation and nutrition and  
23 health services to Oklahoma's Native American communities; and  
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1 strengthening academic performance for Oklahoma students; and  
2 working with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP); and

3 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more  
4 than 1,400 locations across the state, bolstering the civic,  
5 neighborhood and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our  
6 state's economic and social well-being; and

7 WHEREAS, more than 7,400 national service participants of all  
8 ages and backgrounds serve in Oklahoma providing vital support to  
9 state residents and improving the quality of life in our state; and

10 WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private  
11 partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-  
12 federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the  
13 return on taxpayer dollars, including more than \$33,250,000 in  
14 Oklahoma; and

15 WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service  
16 shares a priority with city, county and state officials nationwide  
17 to engage citizens, improve lives and strengthen communities.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
19 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

20 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims  
21 April 5, 2016, as National Service Recognition Day in the State of  
22 Oklahoma.

23 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives congratulates and  
24 commends AmeriCorps and Senior Corps.

1        THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages residents  
2 to recognize the positive impact of national service in our state,  
3 to thank those who serve and to find ways to give back to their  
4 communities.

5        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Theresa D.  
6 Long, Oklahoma State Director of the Corporation for National and  
7 Community Service, and Melinda Points, Executive Director of the  
8 Oklahoma Community Service Commission.

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