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Resolution

Save Senior Corps

Whereas the Alliance for Retired Americans, a national organization representing more than four million seniors, recognizes the contributions citizens ages 55 and older make to communities across the nation through RSVP, the Foster Grandparent program, and the Senior Companions program; and

Whereas the Alliance for Retired Americans recognizes that structured volunteering helps seniors to live independent and productive lives while enabling them to contribute meaningful service to address unmet community needs in a cost-effective way; and

Whereas RSVP volunteers, Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions play an important role in strengthening communities by contributing their experience, knowledge, wisdom, and accomplishments to help their neighbors; and

Whereas senior volunteers improve their communities through such activities as feeding the hungry, helping neighbors live independently, mentoring children of all ages, supporting veterans and military families, participating in disaster relief efforts, and providing respite for caregivers; and

Whereas recognizing the successes of Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP volunteers encourages their ongoing participation and further accomplishments; and

Whereas as a nation we need to expand senior volunteer service to take advantage of the talents and experiences of the 10,000 Baby Boomers who are retiring today and will do so every day for the next 20 years.

Therefore be it resolved, that we, the Alliance for Retired Americans, urge the Congress of the United States to recognize the importance of senior volunteers and reject the proposals included in the Administration's FY 2015 Budget to dismantle senior corps programs and cut senior corps funding.