

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2013-4620, by Representatives Seaquist, Tarleton, Ryu, Kochmar, Sawyer, Haler, Pollet, Johnson, Magendanz, Walsh, Fagan, Hargrove, Appleton, and Bergquist

WHEREAS, The Peace Corps was established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Peace Corps has more than 8,000 volunteers working in 76 different countries; and

WHEREAS, The Peace Corps receives approximately 12,000 applications per year and accepts approximately 4,000 to serve; and

WHEREAS, Service in the Peace Corps is a 27-month commitment; and

WHEREAS, The Peace Corps ranks top colleges annually, in recognition of the schools that contribute the most alumni; and

WHEREAS, Schools are ranked and classified as large, medium, or small according to the size of the student body; and

WHEREAS, The 2013 Top Peace Corps Volunteer-Producing Colleges list was released on February 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The State of Washington has a long and distinguished record of volunteerism and community service at the local, national, and international level; and

WHEREAS, The University of Washington ranks number one in the nation among large-sized schools with 107 undergraduate alumni serving in the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, Western Washington University ranks number one in the nation among medium-sized schools with 73 undergraduate alumni serving in the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, Gonzaga University ranks number one in the nation among small-sized schools with 24 undergraduate alumni serving in the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, 2013 marks the first time all three categories are led by schools in the same state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor the University of Washington, Western Washington University, Gonzaga University, and the commitment of all those who have served and are currently serving in the Peace Corps; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the University of Washington, Western Washington University, and Gonzaga University.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4620 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 19, 2013

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk