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H. R. 1066

To amend the Peace Corps Act to provide continued funding for the Peace Corps, to increase the readjustment allowances for Peace Corps volunteers and volunteer leaders, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2009

Mr. FARR (for himself, Mr. DRIEHAUS, Mr. HONDA, Mr. PETRI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. OLVER, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. CAPPES, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. VIS-CLOSKY, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. BERRY, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. PIERLUISI, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. HALVORSON, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. SOLIS of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. HARE, Mr. TEAGUE, and Mr. KAGEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Peace Corps Expan-
3 sion Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) On October 14, 1960, then Senator John F.
7 Kennedy addressed students on the steps of the Uni-
8 versity of Michigan Union to enlist their effort to
9 make the world a better place by serving their coun-
10 try abroad.

11 (2) On March 1, 1961, then President John F.
12 Kennedy signed an Executive Order establishing a
13 Peace Corps that was “designed to permit our peo-
14 ple to exercise more fully their responsibilities in the
15 great common cause of world development”.

16 (3) Since President Kennedy established the
17 Peace Corps, more than 190,000 volunteers have
18 served in 139 countries.

19 (4) The Peace Corps is focused on grassroots,
20 bottom-up development, with volunteers working
21 side-by-side with community members in the most
22 humble communities around the world.

23 (5) The Peace Corps has an impressive record
24 of engendering good will through the service that
25 American volunteers provide.

1 (6) President Obama and Vice President Biden
2 have articulated their intent to double the size of
3 Peace Corps in an expeditious and considered man-
4 ner.

5 (7) 13,011 Americans applied in 2008 to volun-
6 teer their service to serve the world’s poorest com-
7 munities in the Peace Corps, a 16 percent increase
8 over the 11,246 received in 2007.

9 (8) At the budget level, the Peace Corps is able
10 to provide placements for fewer than 4,000 Ameri-
11 cans seeking the opportunity to serve their country
12 and the world.

13 (9) Several countries have requested Peace
14 Corps volunteers to work together with their people
15 to advance economic development and human flour-
16 ishing, but have not yet received volunteers.

17 **SEC. 3. FUNDING FOR THE PEACE CORPS.**

18 Section 3 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2502)
19 is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

21 (A) by striking “\$270,000,000” and all
22 that follows through the end period and insert-
23 ing the following: “\$450,000,000 for fiscal year
24 2010, \$600,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, and
25 \$750,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.”; and

1 (B) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
2 section (e).

3 **SEC. 4. READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCES FOR PEACE CORPS**

4 **VOLUNTEERS AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS.**

5 (a) VOLUNTEERS.—Section 5(c) of the Peace Corps
6 Act (22 U.S.C. 2504(c)) is amended in the first sentence
7 by striking “\$125” and inserting “\$250”.

8 (b) VOLUNTEER LEADERS.—Section 6(1) of the
9 Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2505(1)) is amended by strik-
10 ing “\$125” and inserting “\$250”.

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