Madame Speaker,

Today I rise to celebrate National Peace Corps Week and to honor the agency's 48th anniversary. Since Peace Corps began in 1961, over 195,000 volunteers have served in 139 countries around the globe. Currently, there are over 7,800 Peace Corps volunteers serving in 76 countries, including two of my constituents. Jaskirat Singh is currently serving in Jordan until September 2010 and Antoinette Day is currently serving in Bulgaria. I am incredibly proud of their service and the lasting contributions they are making to improve the lives of the people in the communities where they are serving. I would like to commend all the Peace Corps Volunteers for their dedicated service to our nation, and for expanding and creating new opportunities for people in the developing world. Thank you and I yield back.