

## Senate Resolution 505

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th and Davenport of the 44th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Job Corps on their 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Job Corps is one of the oldest social programs in the federal government today;  
3 its aim is to help young people from disadvantaged backgrounds complete their high school  
4 education and get a good start in the working world; and

5 WHEREAS, the program has trained and educated two million individuals since it was first  
6 established during the Great Society era of the 1960s; participants receive job assistance,  
7 education, and room and board during their time in the program, which can last up to two  
8 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Job Corps was created during the administration of President Lyndon B.  
10 Johnson in 1964 as part of Johnson's War On Poverty and Great Society initiatives that  
11 sought to expand economic and social opportunities for Americans, especially minorities and  
12 the poor; and

13 WHEREAS, the program is a product of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, and it was  
14 modeled on the Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's, which provided  
15 room, board, and employment to thousands of unemployed people; and

16 WHEREAS, approximately 62,000 young people each year participate in the program  
17 through 125 Job Corps centers throughout the country; and

18 WHEREAS, according to the program, the typical Job Corps student is an 18 year-old high  
19 school dropout who reads at a seventh grade level, belongs to a minority group, and has  
20 never held a full-time job; and

21 WHEREAS, approximately 90 percent of Job Corps graduates go on to careers in the private  
22 sector, enlist in the military, or move on to higher education or advanced training programs;

23 graduates receive transitional support services, including help locating housing, childcare,  
24 and transportation for up to 18 months after they leave the program.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 commend Job Corps on their 50 years of outstanding service to disadvantaged youth in this  
27 state and nation.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Job Corps.