

House Resolution 1695

By: Representative Anulewicz of the 42<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 3, 2018, as National Service Recognition Day at the state capitol; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character and central to how we  
4 meet our challenges; and

5 WHEREAS, the nation's states are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism  
6 as a cost-effective strategy for resolving issues; and

7 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges  
8 facing our communities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century to fighting  
9 the opioid epidemic, responding to natural disasters, and supporting veterans and military  
10 families; and

11 WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable,  
12 resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those  
13 who serve; and

14 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 50,000 locations  
15 across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are  
16 vital to our economic and social well-being; and

17 WHEREAS, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve,  
18 both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and

19 WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in  
20 community solutions and leverages nonfederal resources to strengthen community impact  
21 and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

22 WHEREAS, national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and  
23 patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with  
24 them in their future endeavors; and

25 WHEREAS, national service directly impacts the State of Georgia through VISTA projects  
26 in Marietta, Georgia, like the Youth Empowerment through Learning, Leading, and Serving,  
27 Inc., (YELLS) program where AmeriCorps VISTA members build capacity to educate and  
28 empower the youth and families of Franklin Gateway; and

29 WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with  
30 local leaders nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities and  
31 is joining with the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, Cities  
32 of Service, and local leaders across the country for National Service Recognition Day on  
33 April 3, 2018.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body recognize April 3, 2018, as National Service Recognition Day at  
36 the state capitol, acknowledge the positive impact of national service in our community, and  
37 commend AmeriCorps VISTA's Andrea Bracey, Versandra Kennebrew, Sandy Mitchell, and  
38 Christopher Salley for their efforts to give back to their community at Youth Empowerment  
39 through Learning, Leading, and Serving, Inc.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Andrea  
42 Bracey, Versandra Kennebrew, Sandy Mitchell, and Christopher Salley.