THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ADOPTED, MAY 4, 1992

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the week of May 3 through 9, 1992, as "Corrections 2 Employee Week."
- 3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's correctional system, the oldest in
- 4 our nation, historically has been a leading influence in the
- 5 development of corrections policy throughout the United States;
- 6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, The "Pennsylvania System" that has long been the
- 8 role model for other states evolved from the establishment of
- 9 Philadelphia's Walnut Street Jail in 1773. Eastern Penitentiary,
- 10 opened in 1829 in Philadelphia, is recognized as the world's
- 11 first true penitentiary; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Today, corrections facilities across Pennsylvania
- 13 house more than 40,000 offenders in a State system that includes
- 14 16 correctional institutions and 15 community corrections
- 15 centers across this Commonwealth and 70 county facilities; and

- 1 WHEREAS, The challenging task of supervising and providing
- 2 for these inmates and maintaining an environment that is safe,
- 3 secure and humane for staff and inmates alike is met on a daily
- 4 basis by approximately 11,000 dedicated professionals performing
- 5 a wide array of tasks. They are administrators, corrections
- 6 officers, counselors, treatment specialists, teachers, clergy,
- 7 medical professionals, food service workers, clerical staff,
- 8 business office workers, personnel specialists and skilled
- 9 tradespeople. All of them share a commitment of excellence, a
- 10 pride in their accomplishments and a mutual respect for one
- 11 another; therefore be it
- 12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 13 week of May 3 through 9, 1992, as "Corrections Employee Week" in
- 14 Pennsylvania and urge all Pennsylvanians to pause to reflect
- 15 upon the vital role these professionals play in ensuring public
- 16 safety through the effective management and operation of our
- 17 correctional system.