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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, For over a decade, GEO Reentry Services has hosted a community resource fair at its West Fulton Reentry Service Center in Chicago to help justice-involved individuals returning to society; and

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WHEREAS, GEO Reentry Services has partnered with the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to host this community resource fair under IDOC and IDPH's Summit of Hope community expo program; and

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WHEREAS, The Summit of Hope program brings together local social service providers to create a one-stop environment for parolees and probationers to obtain necessary assistance to move past barriers that can prevent an individual from leading a successful life; and

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WHEREAS, The Summit of Hope, hosted by GEO Reentry Services' West Fulton Reentry Service Center, has grown to over 65 partnering organizations and vendors providing a variety of services to returning citizens; and

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WHEREAS, GEO Reentry Services' West Fulton Reentry Service Center's Summit of Hope focuses on assisting returning

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1 citizens by providing services for substance abuse prevention,
2 anger management treatment, employment readiness, housing
3 access, HIV testing, domestic violence prevention, cognitive
4 behavioral therapy, and acquiring state identification; and

5 WHEREAS, Reentry services provide individuals returning
6 from incarceration critical services to transition
7 productively back into society, helping reduce barriers to
8 employment, preventing homelessness, improving health
9 concerns, and improving public safety by reducing behaviors
10 that can lead to recidivism and reincarceration; and

11 WHEREAS, GEO Reentry Services' West Fulton Reentry Service
12 Center's 2024 Summit of Hope is scheduled for May 8, 2024 and
13 is expected to serve nearly 500 returning citizens to help
14 them obtain the assistance to move past involvement in the
15 justice system; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we commend GEO Reentry Services' West Fulton Reentry Service
19 Center for its dedicated work to ensure successful transitions
20 back into society for people involved in the justice system in
21 order to live productive and safe lives; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 presented to GEO Reentry Services' West Fulton Reentry Service
2 Center, the Illinois Department of Corrections, and the
3 Illinois Department of Public Health as a symbol of our
4 respect and esteem.