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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In March of 2013, Governor Quinn ordered the closing of the Dwight Correctional Center in Logan County, near Dwight; and

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WHEREAS, The closing of the Dwight Correctional Center was claimed to be a cost-saving measure; it was estimated that \$27 million annually in operating costs and nearly \$350,000 in annual maintenance costs would be saved; and

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WHEREAS, About 1,000 inmates were transferred from the Dwight Correctional Center to the Logan Correctional Center in Lincoln; and

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WHEREAS, The property of the Dwight Correctional Center was transferred from the control of the Illinois Department of Corrections to the Department of Central Management Services in July of 2014; and

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WHEREAS, The closure has so far reportedly directly affected 355 jobs and indirectly affected 128 jobs; and

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WHEREAS, According to a University of Illinois study in 2012, such a closing would have a potential negative impact to the local economy of more than \$50 million; and

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1           WHEREAS, According to a report by the John Howard  
2 Association, the closure has exacerbated overcrowding and has  
3 not generated any costs savings for the State; and

4           WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Corrections claims  
5 that as much as \$48 million has been saved by the closing of  
6 the Dwight Correctional Center; therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 the Auditor General is directed to conduct an audit of the  
10 closing of the Dwight Correctional Center; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That the audit include, but not be limited to,  
12 determining the fiscal impact on the State of the Dwight  
13 Correctional Center closing; any cost savings achieved by the  
14 closing; and the impact the closure and transfer of inmates has  
15 made on the State's correctional system; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That any State agency that may have information  
17 relevant to this audit shall cooperate fully and promptly with  
18 the Auditor General's Office in the conducting of its audit;  
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20           RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as

1 soon as practical and report his findings and recommendations  
2 upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section  
3 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 delivered to the Auditor General.