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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5187, creating "National Correctional Officers' Week"; and

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WHEREAS, Each year, the first full week in May is recognized as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, commemorating the contributions of correctional officers and personnel who work in jails, prisons, and community corrections across the country; and

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WHEREAS, National Correctional Officers' Week provides a platform allowing the community to recognize correctional officers, both past and present, for the critical and difficult service they provide to the communities they serve; and

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WHEREAS, The correctional system is intended to protect the public by separating violent offenders from the community, deterring others from offending, and rehabilitating offenders for reintegration into the community upon release; and

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WHEREAS, Preparing offenders for their return to their communities is critical to protecting public safety; and

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WHEREAS, Working in correctional facilities is demanding

1 as personnel must maintain a constant state of heightened  
2 vigilance and adhere to strict security protocols; and

3 WHEREAS, Corrections staff must perform their duties  
4 within harsh physical environments and with the threat of  
5 repeated exposure to violent events; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 recognize the first full week in May as being National  
9 Correctional Officers' Week to honor the efforts of  
10 correctional officers across the State; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the Illinois Correctional Association as a symbol  
13 of our respect and esteem.