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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, America has more than 2,000,000 of its people in
3 prison, which is more than any other developed nation in the
4 world; and

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WHEREAS, The vast majority (95%) of the men and women in
6 our prisons will eventually return to their communities; and

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WHEREAS, Few of those who return to their communities are
prepared for their release, and often face barriers to reentry,
such as serious physical and mental health problems, no place
to stay, and lack of education or qualifications to hold a job;
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WHEREAS, One-third of all correction departments provide
no services to released offenders, and most departments do not
offer a transitional program, placing a heavy burden on
families and communities; and

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WHEREAS, Two-thirds of persons released will be rearrested
for new crimes within the first 3 years after their release;
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WHEREAS, Congressman Danny K. Davis sponsored the Second
Chance Act of 2007 for the purposes of providing transitional

1 assistance to ex-offenders in coping with the challenges of
2 re-entry, reducing recidivism, helping to reunite families and
3 protect communities, and enhancing public safety; and

4 WHEREAS, The Second Chance Act of 2007 was signed into law
5 on April 9, 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, The Second Chance Act of 2007 provides grants to
7 state and local governments to promote the safe and successful
8 reintegration of offenders into the community upon their
9 release; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 designate July 3, 2017 and July 3, 2018 as Illinois Citizens
13 Re-entry Day, to be observed in recognition of Congressman
14 Danny K. Davis' work in helping to provide ex-offenders with a
15 second chance and opportunity to re-enter society as productive
16 citizens, and to encourage continuing support of such citizens
17 as they re-enter their communities; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives, the President of the Senate, and Congressman
21 Danny K. Davis.