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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, This body has previously recognized that the
3 prison experience for women offenders is different than men and
4 requires gender-focused efforts; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Corrections has 29
6 adult prisons across the State; two of these correctional
7 centers are dedicated to women inmates; and

8 WHEREAS, While a goal in all workplaces, gender parity
9 should be a focus of the correctional field, particularly when
10 involving women offenders; and

11 WHEREAS, The gender aspect should be taken into
12 consideration in assignments within facilities under the
13 jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections; and

14 WHEREAS, While female participation in law enforcement has
15 risen, there still remains a gap in gender parity within the
16 correctional field; and

17 WHEREAS, During fiscal year 2019, the Illinois Department
18 of Corrections had 7,083 male and 1,457 female protective
19 service employees; these workers are entrusted with public
20 safety, security, and the protection of society from

1 destructive forces; and

2 WHEREAS, The strengthening of the women workforce within
3 the Department of Corrections should be a focus of the
4 Department; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Illinois
7 Department of Corrections to promote parity between male and
8 female correctional officers in the State of Illinois; and be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 delivered to the Illinois Department of Corrections.