



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The continued operation of Vandalia Correctional  
3 Center is vital to the economy and public safety of the State  
4 of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Vandalia Correctional Center employs or has  
6 contracts with over 500 persons and is the largest employer in  
7 Fayette County; and

8 WHEREAS, The closing of Vandalia Correctional Center will  
9 devastate the economy of Fayette County; and

10 WHEREAS, Governor Rod Blagojevich has not included funding  
11 of Vandalia Correctional Center in his fiscal year 2005 budget  
12 and planned on closing the facility on July 1, 2004; and

13 WHEREAS, Upon hearing of the Governor's proposal to close  
14 the facility, Vandalia Mayor Rick Gottman organized a petition  
15 drive to keep the facility open and has rallied his community  
16 in support of this effort; and

17 WHEREAS, The fiscal year 2005 Illinois State budget will  
18 continue to fund Vandalia Correctional Center; and

19 WHEREAS, Without Mayor Gottman's outstanding leadership,  
20 hard work, and dedication to his community, Vandalia  
21 Correctional Center would not be funded; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
23 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
24 congratulate Vandalia Mayor Rick Gottman on his outstanding  
25 leadership, hard work, and dedication to his community in  
26 keeping Vandalia Correctional Center open; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Mayor Rick Gottman.