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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 1205

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

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

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

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

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

20 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 May 1-7, 2016 as being National Correctional
9 Officers' Week to honor the efforts of correctional officers
10 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.