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Honoring the dedication, bravery, and professionalism of correctional officers
across the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BACON, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. STAUBER, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Honoring the dedication, bravery, and professionalism of
correctional officers across the United States.

Whereas correctional officers are vital to maintaining safety and order within the Nation's correctional facilities, ensuring the security of communities and upholding the values of justice and fairness that are fundamental to American society;

Whereas correctional officers face significant daily risks and challenges, including exposure to violence and high-stress environments, demonstrating remarkable courage and fortitude in the face of danger;

Whereas recognizing the contributions of correctional officers strengthens the collective commitment to a just and effec-

tive criminal justice system, ensuring that these essential public servants receive the honor and appreciation they rightfully deserve;

Whereas the mental and physical well-being of correctional officers must be prioritized to ensure they can effectively perform their duties, reflecting the Nation's commitment to supporting those who serve and protect us;

Whereas appropriate resources, training, and policies are essential for supporting the health and safety of correctional officers, ensuring they are well-equipped to meet the challenges of their demanding roles;

Whereas their work requires immense resilience and professionalism, showcasing their unwavering commitment to their duties and to the protection of our communities, reflecting the strength and determination that are hallmarks of American character;

Whereas numerous correctional officers have tragically lost their lives in the line of duty, bravely upholding their responsibilities to maintain safety and order within the Nation's correctional facilities;

Whereas their sacrifice underscores the inherent dangers of their profession and the profound dedication required to serve in these roles; and

Whereas, in their honor, we remember and recognize the following fallen officers—

- (1) Joseph B. Waldrup;
- (2) Andrew F. Turner;
- (3) Edgar A. Barr;
- (4) James R. Brock;
- (5) Andrew H. Leonard;
- (6) R.G. Warnke;

- (7) Royal C. Cline;
- (8) Harold P. Stites;
- (9) William A. Miller;
- (10) William W. Latimer;
- (11) Vern M. Jarvis;
- (12) Wayne L. Selle;
- (13) John W. Johnson;
- (14) Donald F. Reis;
- (15) Janice R. Hylen;
- (16) Gregory J. Gunter;
- (17) Gary L. Rowe;
- (18) Merle E. Clutts;
- (19) Robert L. Hoffman;
- (20) Boyd H. Spikerman;
- (21) Robert F. Miller;
- (22) D'Antonio Washington;
- (23) Scott J. Williams;
- (24) Jose Rivera;
- (25) Eric J. Williams;
- (26) Osvaldo Albarati;
- (27) Kristopher Moules;
- (28) Mark Baserman; and
- (29) Rhonda Russell: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors the dedication, bravery, and profes-
 3 sionalism of correctional officers across the United
 4 States and recognizes their crucial role in maintain-
 5 ing the safety and security of correctional facilities
 6 and communities;

7 (2) commits to providing the necessary re-
 8 sources, staffing levels, training, and policies to sup-

1 port the health, safety, and well-being of correctional
2 officers, ensuring they are equipped to handle the
3 challenges of their demanding roles;

4 (3) acknowledges the significant risks and chal-
5 lenges faced by correctional officers daily and the re-
6 markable courage and fortitude they demonstrate in
7 the face of danger;

8 (4) encourages the development and implemen-
9 tation of comprehensive programs and initiatives
10 aimed at supporting the mental and physical health
11 of correctional officers, reflecting the Nation's com-
12 mitment to those who serve and protect us;

13 (5) affirms the importance of recognizing and
14 honoring the contributions of correctional officers to
15 strengthen collective commitment to a just and effec-
16 tive criminal justice system, ensuring these essential
17 public servants receive the respect and appreciation
18 they rightfully deserve; and

19 (6) calls on all citizens to join in expressing
20 gratitude and support for correctional officers who
21 work tirelessly to uphold the values of justice and
22 fairness fundamental to American society.

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