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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The correctional officers in Texas jails and prisons strive to maintain the high professional standards necessary to operate safe, secure, and orderly confinement facilities; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated and loyal public servants, correctional officers work in a sometimes hostile environment and willingly place their lives in harm's way to protect our communities from many of society's most dangerous individuals; and

8 WHEREAS, They work in programs that provide offenders with 9 opportunities for self-improvement and that aid offenders in 10 becoming productive citizens when reentering society; and

WHEREAS, An essential element in the success of our criminal justice system, Texas correctional officers are worthy of our greatest respect and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, a resolution was passed by the U.S. Congress declaring the first full week in May as National Correctional Officers Week, and it is most appropriate to join in honoring these outstanding men and women at this time; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas 20 Legislature hereby honor the achievements and hard work of the 21 correctional officers in Texas jails and prisons and recognize the 22 week of May 1-7, 2005, as Texas Correctional Officers Week.

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