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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-037

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 4-10, 2014, AS "NATIONAL**
102 **CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK".**

1 WHEREAS, The Congress and President of the United States have
2 designated May 4, 2014, through May 10, 2014, as "National Correctional
3 Officers and Employees Week"; and

4 WHEREAS, In Colorado, approximately 6,000 highly qualified
5 and experienced employees of the Department of Corrections are charged
6 with serving the citizens of Colorado by holding offenders accountable
7 and engaging them in opportunities to make positive behavioral change
8 and become law-abiding, productive citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, Colorado's correctional officers and employees

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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1 pursue a challenging and noble cause and are responsible for the custody,
2 care, supervision, and reform of approximately 20,000 offenders as well
3 as the maintenance of safe and secure facilities; and

4 WHEREAS, Colorado's correctional officers and employees work
5 in very demanding and stressful conditions, face many challenges, and put
6 their lives at risk every day; and

7 WHEREAS, In Colorado, correctional officers and employees
8 serve admirably in many different capacities, including administrators,
9 wardens, teachers, parole officers, chaplains, nurses, supervisors,
10 managers, and directors; and

11 WHEREAS, Colorado correctional officers and employees teach,
12 train, mentor, counsel, and treat thousands of offenders every day; and

13 WHEREAS, Colorado correctional officers and employees provide
14 the opportunity for offenders to transition successfully from prison to the
15 community, thereby reducing recidivism and enhancing public safety; and

16 WHEREAS, The following 16 Department of Corrections
17 correctional officers and employees made the ultimate sacrifice while
18 serving the state of Colorado:

19 In 1899: Officer Thomas Tobin;

20 In 1900: Night Captain William C. Rooney;

21 In 1913: Captain John B. Russell;

22 In 1929: Officer Raymond Brown, Officer John J. Eeles, Officer Elmer
23 G. Erwin, Officer Myron H. Goodwin, Officer J.C. McClelland, Officer
24 C. Walter Rinker, Officer Charles G. Shepherd, and Officer Robert A.
25 Wiggins;

26 In 1961: Officer Victor B. McMillin;

27 In 1994: Sergeant Marc A. Perse;

28 In 2002: Sergeant Eric J. Autabee;

29 In 2012: Sergeant Mary K. Ricard; and

1 In 2013: Executive Director Tom Clements; and

2 WHEREAS, It is fitting and appropriate for the citizens of
3 Colorado to join together in commemorating correctional officers and
4 employees, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to
5 their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their
6 community and state, and in doing so, have established for themselves an
7 enviable and enduring reputation for building a safer Colorado for today
8 and tomorrow; now, therefore,

9 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly*
10 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

11 That we, the members of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly,
12 hereby:

13 (1) Recognize May 4, 2014, through May 10, 2014, as "National
14 Correctional Officers and Employees Week", to commemorate the
15 exceptional performance of duties under the most difficult circumstances
16 performed by correctional officers and employees and for their tireless
17 commitment to criminal justice and public safety;

18 (2) Call upon citizens of the state and upon all patriotic, civic, and
19 educational organizations to observe "National Correctional Officers and
20 Employees Week"; and

21 (3) Remember and honor those correctional officers and
22 employees who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate
23 sacrifice and call upon the citizens of Colorado to honor these
24 individuals.

25 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
26 to John Hickenlooper, Governor of Colorado; and Rick Raemisch,
27 Executive Director, Colorado Department of Corrections.