

H. J. RES. 119

To designate the weeks beginning May 2, 1993, and May 1, 1994, as "National Correctional Officers Week".

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 23, 1993

Mr. BONIOR introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

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- Whereas the correctional officers who work in America's jails and prisons are responsible for the containment and control of over 1,200,000 prisoners;
- Whereas correctional officers must protect inmates from violence while encouraging them to develop skills and attitudes that can help them become productive members of society following their release;
- Whereas the morale of correctional officers is affected by many factors, and the public perception of the role of

correctional officers is more often based upon dramatization rather than factual review;

- Whereas good job performance and public acceptance and appreciation require correctional officers to absorb the adverse attitudes present in confinement while maintaining themselves as professionals;
- Whereas correctional officers have been honored by many States and localities;
- Whereas correctional officers have been honored by joint resolutions of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in 1984, 1985, 1987, and 1989; and
- Whereas the attitude and morale of correctional officers is a matter worthy of serious congressional attention: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
 - 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
 - 3 That the weeks beginning May 2, 1993, and May 1, 1994,
 - 4 are designated as "National Correctional Officers Week".
 - 5 The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling
 - 6 on the people of the United States to observe such weeks
 - 7 with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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