

2011 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 596

Designating March 16, in 2011 and in each succeeding year, as Corrections Officer Day in Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 21, 2011

Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2011

WHEREAS, individuals who work in public safety provide a valuable service in often stressful circumstances and in various locations while interacting with and observing a variety of people; and

WHEREAS, corrections officers perform essential supervision and security duties in institutional settings throughout the Commonwealth that help those institutions meet their public safety missions; and

WHEREAS, corrections officers supervise offenders while they are in the institution and also while in transport to ensure their safety and the safety of those around them, which necessitates a keen sense of observation and a high level of agility; and

WHEREAS, corrections officers must also interact with other staff, visitors, and the public, all while maintaining orderly and secure operations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their other duties, corrections officers keep detailed records regarding their own tasks and document their observations of offenders; and

WHEREAS, corrections officers perform their many duties oftentimes in institutions that have constantly changing populations, requiring corrections officers to be flexible and quick learners; and

WHEREAS, corrections officers provide an invaluable service to corrections institutions and the public across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Corrections Officer Day will provide Virginians an opportunity to learn more about and reflect on the essential duties corrections officers perform; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate March 16, in 2011 and in each succeeding year, as Corrections Officer Day in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this day on the General Assembly's website.

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