

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91

Rep. Calley offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to May 5-11, 2019, as Correctional Officers Week
2 in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, No group of Americans has a more difficult or less
4 publicly visible job than the brave men and women who work in our
5 correctional facilities. Correctional officers who work in jails
6 and prisons are currently responsible for the safety, containment,
7 and control of more than 40,000 prisoners in Michigan. Correctional
8 officers must protect inmates from violence from fellow prisoners,
9 while encouraging them to develop skills and attitudes that can
10 help them become productive members of society after their release;
11 and

12 Whereas, The general public should fully appreciate
13 correctional officials' capable handling of the physical and



1 emotional demands made upon them daily. Their profession requires
2 careful and constant vigilance and the threat of violence is always
3 present. At the same time, these dedicated employees try to improve
4 the living conditions of those who are being confined; and

5 Whereas, It is appropriate that we honor the correctional
6 officers in all our institutions, at all levels of government, for
7 their invaluable contributions to our society; and

8 Whereas, Correctional facilities require staffing throughout
9 each hour of the year, which leads to overtime and sacrifices made,
10 not just by the correctional officers, but by their family members
11 who should also be commended for the time they forfeit for the sake
12 of public safety; and

13 Whereas, Both state and national observances of this week will
14 focus on increasing public awareness and the important
15 contributions of correctional officers nationwide; now, therefore,
16 be it

17 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
18 this legislative body declare May 5 -11, 2019, as Correctional
19 Officers Week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

20 Resolved, That correctional officers across this state be
21 commended for their outstanding contributions to public safety.