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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 1, 2023, as "State Correctional Institution  
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In prisons across the nation, many incarcerated  
4 individuals are held in violent, dangerous and unhealthy  
5 conditions; and

6 WHEREAS, Legislators determine the laws that govern  
7 incarcerated individuals and the criminal justice system as they  
8 vote on legislation regarding the criminal statutes, parole and  
9 sentencing; and

10 WHEREAS, However, legislators are not required to visit  
11 prisons, preventing them from having a comprehensive  
12 understanding of the criminal justice system; and

13 WHEREAS, It is essential that legislators examine the  
14 conditions under which incarcerated individuals live and  
15 understand how State funding is appropriated to prisons; and

16 WHEREAS, Those in support of this challenge assert that  
17 visiting prisons will provide legislators with a better  
18 understanding of incarceration while raising accountability

1 regarding the treatment of incarcerated individuals in prison;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, It is vital that legislators listen and speak with  
4 incarcerated individuals as they are responsible for  
5 representing the needs of the incarcerated population; and

6 WHEREAS, Members of the House of Representatives are  
7 encouraged to visit a State correctional institution unannounced  
8 at a minimum of two times per year; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
10 November 1, 2023, as "State Correctional Institution Day" in  
11 Pennsylvania to raise awareness of the need to monitor and  
12 continue to improve conditions in our prisons to ensure that all  
13 people are treated humanely and supported in their  
14 rehabilitation.