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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The rape and sexual abuse of prisoners by other
3 prisoners and staff plague prisons nationwide; and

4 WHEREAS, the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed
5 unanimously by Congress and was signed into law in 2003 to hold
6 the government accountable for these horrific acts; and

7 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Corrections claims to
8 be fully committed to the eradication of prison rape and has
9 adopted a "zero tolerance" policy in its facilities; and

10 WHEREAS, Under the purview of the Illinois Department of
11 Corrections and its "zero tolerance" policy, 404 allegations of
12 sexual harassment and abuse were filed in 2015; 118 of the
13 allegations made were regarding members of the Department of
14 Corrections staff; and

15 WHEREAS, Logan Correctional Center, one of only two female
16 Corrections facilities in the State, has the highest number of
17 sexual harassment and abuse allegations; currently, 30
18 offenders housed at Logan Correctional Center have become
19 pregnant since their sentences have begun; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the
2 Illinois Department of Corrections strengthen its commitment
3 to PREA and eradicate sexual harassment and abuse in the
4 correctional facilities in Illinois.