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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States has almost 2,000,000 of its
3 people in prison, which is more than any other developed
4 nation in the world; and

5 WHEREAS, The vast majority of the men and women in our
6 prisons, approximately 95%, will eventually return to their
7 communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Few of those who return to their communities are
9 prepared for their release and often face barriers
10 reintegrating into society, such as serious physical and
11 mental health problems, limited housing options, and
12 inadequate education or qualifications to hold a job; and

13 WHEREAS, One-third of all correction departments provide
14 no services to released offenders, and most departments do not
15 offer a transitional program, placing a heavy burden on
16 families and communities; and

17 WHEREAS, Two-thirds of persons released will be rearrested
18 for new crimes within the first three years after their
19 release; and

20 WHEREAS, Congressman Danny K. Davis sponsored the Second

1 Chance Act of 2007 for the purposes of providing transitional
2 assistance to ex-offenders in coping with the challenges of
3 reentry, reducing recidivism, helping to reunite families and
4 protect communities, and enhancing public safety; and

5 WHEREAS, The Second Chance Act of 2007 was signed into law
6 on April 9, 2008; and

7 WHEREAS, The Second Chance Act of 2007 provides grants to
8 state and local governments to promote the safe and successful
9 reintegration of offenders into the community upon their
10 release; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we declare July 3, 2025 and July 3, 2026 as Illinois Citizens
14 Reentry Day in the State of Illinois in recognition of
15 Congressman Danny K. Davis' work in helping to provide
16 ex-offenders with a second chance and opportunity to reenter
17 society as productive citizens and to encourage continuing
18 support of such citizens as they reenter their communities;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Congressman Danny K. Davis with our esteem and
22 respect.