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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.