

By Senator Smith

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1 Senate Resolution No. _____

2 A resolution commending the contributions to
3 law and order made by correctional officers in
4 Florida and recognizing these contributions by
5 the formal designation of their job title as
6 "Correctional Officers."

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8 WHEREAS, correctional officers in this state risk their
9 lives daily in the protection of the public, and

10 WHEREAS, our state's correctional officers maintain
11 order in 134 state prisons in Florida, where they were
12 responsible for the management of more than 71,000 state
13 inmates during the past year, and

14 WHEREAS, twenty-six of Florida's correctional officers
15 have lost their lives in the line of duty between 1928 and the
16 present, and

17 WHEREAS, the Legislature and all Floridians recognize
18 the significant role these officers play in preserving the
19 public peace and in reducing crime, and

20 WHEREAS, the designation of correctional officers by
21 their proper title affords them the dignity and respect due
22 them for their important work and provides them with
23 appropriate recognition by the Legislature and the public as
24 law enforcement professionals, NOW, THEREFORE,

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26 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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28 That the Legislature does pause in its deliberations to
29 honor the state's correctional officers as law enforcement
30 professionals and to hereafter recognize them by the title
31 "Correctional Officers".