

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 HOUSE

5 RESOLUTION 1017

By: Cleveland

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary
9 of the formation of the Oklahoma Department of
10 Corrections; recognizing the dedication of employees
11 of the Department of Corrections; and directing
12 distribution.

13 WHEREAS, Oklahoma was incarcerating inmates and supervising
14 offenders prior to becoming a state; and

15 WHEREAS, fifty years ago in 1967, House Bill 566, the Oklahoma
16 Corrections Act, was signed by Governor Dewey Bartlett creating the
17 Oklahoma Department of Corrections and providing for the creation of
18 a seven-member Board of Corrections, a state director of
19 Corrections, and three divisions; and

20 WHEREAS, twenty Oklahoma Department of Corrections employees
21 have sacrificed their lives while serving in the line of duty and
22 they continue to remain an inspiration to all who work in public
23 safety across the state; and

1 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections plays an
2 important role in the safety and security of the citizens of the
3 State of Oklahoma; and

4 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections is equally
5 dedicated to serving victims of crime as well as applying the
6 sentence given by the courts to ensure justice is being served; and

7 WHEREAS, the staff, volunteers and members of the Oklahoma Board
8 of Corrections work to ensure offender well-being by taking a
9 steadfast approach to promoting positive changes in behavior and
10 reintegration back into society.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

13 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends the Oklahoma
14 Department of Corrections and its employees for fifty years of
15 dedicated service to the state.

16 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
17 Department of Corrections Director, Joe M. Allbaugh and the
18 Commissioner of Public Safety, Michael C. Thompson.

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20 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.
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