

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1017

By: Cleveland

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the formation of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections; recognizing the dedication of employees of the Department of Corrections; and directing distribution.

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

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

WHEREAS, twenty Oklahoma Department of Corrections employees have sacrificed their lives while serving in the line of duty and they continue to remain an inspiration to all who work in public 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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