

HOUSE RESOLUTION 40
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A RESOLUTION To recognize and commend the administration and staff of the Northeast Correctional Complex as they prepare to celebrate the complex's tenth anniversary.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should honor those citizens whose work provides for the public's safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, The administration and staff of the Northeast Correctional Complex located in Johnson County are sterling public servants richly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Wardens Howard Carlton and James A. Bowlen have fifty-two years of combined experience with the Tennessee Department of Correction; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowlen was appointed Warden of the Northeast Correctional Center (NECC) in 1989, and then, in 1992, Mr. Carlton assumed the reigns of leadership; and

WHEREAS, In March of 1991, NECC received its first group of inmates; and

WHEREAS, In October of that same year, for the first time, Officer Joe Reece transported inmates out into the community to work on the Johnson County Welcome Center; since then, the facility has worked with Johnson County on a variety of public service projects,

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resulting in tremendous savings to the county, town, community organizations, churches, and individuals; and

WHEREAS, In August of 1992, NECC proudly became an accredited correctional facility; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, NECC merged with the Carter County Work Camp (CCWC), and since that time, it has been known as the Northeast Correctional Complex (NECX); and

WHEREAS, NECX is not only an outstanding correctional facility, it is also a partner with the community, serving the surrounding area in a variety of ways; and

WHEREAS, The complex's printing, building trades, and food service classes help provide gainful employment for the inmates and provide a variety of valuable services throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, many inmates and staff members assisted in cleaning up Carter County after a flood destroyed businesses, churches, and homes; and

WHEREAS, Also in 1998, large numbers of staff members and inmates assisted in removing snow, trees, and fallen brush from roadways after a disastrous snow storm had struck the Mountain City area; and

WHEREAS, As of February, 2001, NECX had completed a total of 1,046,268 hours in community service performed by work crews from the facility; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Correctional Complex is designed to house 1,716 inmates, and, according to the NECX Mission Statement, those affiliated with the operation of the facility are "committed to protecting the residents of the State of Tennessee. . . by providing a secure and humane environment for convicted felons and contributing to their rehabilitation according to recognized professional standards"; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the institutional staff consists of nearly 500 dedicated employees; and

WHEREAS, On the 5th of April, 2001, the administration and staff of the Northeast Correctional Complex will celebrate the facility's tenth anniversary of dedicated and efficient public service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend the staff and administration of the Northeast Correctional Complex, and we offer our sincerest congratulations upon their celebration of the facility's tenth year of service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.