



1 2007, property offenders comprised the largest group of inmates  
2 confined in the total prison population at 19.2% and between 2000  
3 and 2004, 37.1% of inmates were released on parole compared to  
4 51.5% between 2005 and 2007, so over half (54.8%) of all inmates  
5 released in 2007 were granted parole. Therefore, the parole grant  
6 rates increased by 9.0% between 2006 and 2007; and

7       Whereas, West Virginia's correctional population is forecasted  
8 to increase at an average annual growth rate of 5.6% over the next  
9 decade and according to the forecast, the Division of Corrections  
10 can expect to receive approximately 430 additional inmates per  
11 year. Therefore, the correctional population is expected to reach  
12 8,530 inmates in 2012 and 10,304 in 2017; and

13       Whereas, The information provided in this resolution will  
14 assist public officials and agency representatives in planning for  
15 the future and developing policies for the management of the West  
16 Virginia correctional population as well as providing adequate pay,  
17 benefits, and a safe secure workplace for the employees in the  
18 correctional system; therefore, be it

19       *Resolved by the Senate:*

20       That the Senate hereby designates February 14, 2011, as  
21 "Corrections Day"; and, be it

22       *Further Resolved,* That the Senate hereby recognizes the  
23 exceptional service and commitment of the employees of the Division  
24 of Corrections; and, be it

1            *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward  
2 a copy of this resolution to the appropriate officials of the  
3 Division of Corrections.