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SENATE MEMORIAL 20-002

101 **MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO RECOGNIZE CORRECTIONAL WORKERS**
102 **AT THE FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX IN FLORENCE,**
103 **COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, TO PROVIDE**
104 **FAIR AND UNINTERRUPTED COMPENSATION FOR THEIR**
105 **ESSENTIAL WORK DURING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS.**

1 WHEREAS, The Federal Correctional Complex, Florence,
2 comprised of four institutions--Federal Prison Camp (FPC), Federal
3 Correctional Institution (FCI), United States Penitentiary (USP), and
4 United States Penitentiary Administrative Maximum Facility
5 (ADMAX)--is located near Florence, Colorado, opened in 1994, and
6 provides various degrees of security, from minimum security to
7 supermax; and

8 WHEREAS, Inmates deemed too dangerous, too high profile, or
9 too great a risk for other prisons are housed at ADMAX and include
10 Unabomber Ted Kaczynski; Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar
11 Tsarnaev; terrorist Zacarias Moussaoui, who played a key role in the
12 September 11, 2001, attacks on New York City; and Joaquín "El Chapo"
13 Guzmán, former leader of Mexico's Sinaloa drug cartel; and

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1 WHEREAS, In total, the complex currently houses 1,395
2 prisoners, 376 of them at ADMAX, including foreign and domestic
3 terrorists, organized crime figures, serial killers, and men who have
4 murdered correctional officers and fellow inmates, placing staff in
5 dangerous situations daily; and

6 WHEREAS, The correctional officers of the Federal Correctional
7 Complex, Florence, must undergo extensive training to maintain safety
8 and security at the penitentiary 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and
9 staff must also provide medical and mental health services, food services,
10 academic opportunities, substance abuse treatment, cognitive and
11 behavioral treatment, and recreation to the inmates; and

12 WHEREAS, When there is a federal government shutdown,
13 employees at the Federal Correctional Complex, Florence, are required
14 to work, oftentimes without guarantee of pay or of pay in a timely
15 manner, because the complex cannot shut down under any circumstances;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Correctional officers at the Federal Correctional
18 Complex, Florence, are paid less than correctional officers working for
19 Colorado's Department of Corrections but serve a mission of protecting
20 the citizens of Colorado and the United States, often from our most
21 dangerous criminals; now, therefore,

22 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-second General*
23 *Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

24 (1) That the Congress of the United States is hereby memorialized
25 to recognize the hard work and sacrifice of correctional workers at the
26 Federal Correctional Complex, Florence, the significant role they play in
27 the criminal justice system, and their loyalty and service to the United
28 States.

29 (2) That the Congress of the United States should honor this vital
30 work through legislation guaranteeing that correctional workers at the
31 Federal Correctional Complex, Florence, are paid during a government
32 shutdown and by ensuring they earn a wage commensurate with their
33 difficult and necessary work.

34 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to

1 Senator Cory Gardner, Senator Michael Bennet, Congresswoman Diana
2 DeGette, Congressman Joe Neguse, Congressman Scott Tipton,
3 Congressman Ken Buck, Congressman Doug Lamborn, Congressman
4 Jason Crow, Congressman Ed Perlmutter, and Michael Carvajal, Director
5 of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.