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State Employees Will Bid Farewell To the Maryland House of Correction Saturday, May 5

Open House with Tours of the Facility 10-2

Road to be Renamed in Memory of Slain Officer David McGuinn

TOWSON, MD (May 3, 2007)---Current and former employees of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services(DPSCS) and its Division of Correction (DOC) will bid farewell to the Maryland House of Correction on Saturday, May 5. The employees and their families have been invited to tour the ancient prison, which was closed by Governor O'Malley and DPSCS Secretary Gary Maynard last month after 129 years in operation.

At 1 p.m., DPSCS and DOC will ceremonially rename House of Correction Road after Officer David McGuinn, who was killed by an inmate at the House of Correction in the summer of 2006. This ceremony will take place at Maryland route 175 and House of Correction Road, at the main entrance into the Jessup prison complex.

The House of Correction, built in 1878, was one of the oldest maximum-security prisons in America at the time of its closing. To accomplish the shutdown, the Division of Correction transferred 842 inmates to other DOC facilities and out of state in secrecy in a period of just a few weeks.

The hospital at the institution remains open, serving inmates at the other Jessup facilities, and some staff remain, conducting inventories and other tasks. What will ultimately happen to the physical structure of the historic prison has not yet been determined.

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Officer David McGuinn, the father of two, was a dedicated, by-the-book officer who was known as "Homeland Security" for his professionalism. He died last July after being attacked by an inmate. Maryland House of Correction Road, the main entrance for three of the DOC's Jessup prisons, will be dedicated in his memory.

What: Open House for current and former State employees and their families at the Maryland House of Correction in Jessup

When: Saturday, May 5: tours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dedication of entrance road to Officer David McGuinn at 1p.m. on the corner of Md. Route 175 and Maryland House of Correction Road