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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, thousands of
3 nurses, doctors, first responders, public utility workers, and
4 other workers have continued performing duties that are
5 essential to the health, safety, and well-being of all; and

6 WHEREAS, In performing their duties, these brave men and
7 women are putting the needs of others first, facing a
8 heightened risk exposure to the virus so that life-sustaining
9 services continue without interruption; and

10 WHEREAS, Doctors, nurses, and support staff in Illinois
11 hospitals and long-term care facilities are on the frontlines
12 of the battle against COVID-19, working to diagnose, treat, and
13 prevent the spread of the virus while also continuing to
14 provide the lifesaving care needed on a daily basis; and

15 WHEREAS, Hundreds of retired doctors and nurses have
16 already volunteered to return to work so hospitals can manage
17 the surge of patients in need; and

18 WHEREAS, First responders, police officers, fire fighters,
19 emergency medical technicians, and our National Guard and
20 military members continue in their efforts to protect and serve
21 our communities, often taking on added responsibilities amid

1 this emergency; and

2 WHEREAS, Many men and women of organized labor have stayed
3 on the job to ensure a number of critical services continue to
4 be delivered, and their local union chapters have continued
5 working to provide resources for union families; and

6 WHEREAS, Grocery store and pharmacy clerks, fast food and
7 restaurant workers, public transit workers, gas station
8 attendants, and all those who keep the supply chain of food,
9 medicine, and other essentials running have had to adjust
10 rapidly to an often uncertain working environment while
11 continuing to supply our communities with our most essential
12 needs; and

13 WHEREAS, By serving others in the face of crisis, these
14 individuals embody the spirit of community, and their efforts
15 stand as a beacon of hope in uncertain times; and

16 WHEREAS, The risks faced by those who continue to provide
17 these essential services have resulted in sickness and in death
18 for many; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 all who remain safe and healthy owe a debt of gratitude to

1 those whose sacrifice makes that health and safety possible;
2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we mourn the loss of those who have died in
4 the line of duty as a result of COVID-19; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we offer our deepest appreciation and
6 heartfelt support for the medical professionals, first
7 responders, and all essential workers who remain on the job to
8 keep our communities and our State strong.