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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has shut down our schools
3 and businesses, forced people to self-isolate and stay home,
4 and has cost thousands of Illinois lives; and

5 WHEREAS, Operation Warp Speed is a public-private
6 partnership initiated by the U.S. government to facilitate and
7 accelerate the development, manufacturing, and distribution of
8 COVID-19 vaccines, therapies, and diagnostics; and

9 WHEREAS, Through Operation Warp Speed, various COVID-19
10 vaccines were developed and approved for public administration
11 much faster than in the case of most vaccines; and

12 WHEREAS, Although the development of the COVID-19 vaccines
13 was accomplished at an accelerated pace, the distribution of
14 those vaccines has been slower than expected; and

15 WHEREAS, While the efforts of Operation Warp Speed to
16 accelerate the development and approval of the vaccine is
17 appreciated, the citizens of Illinois cannot be kept waiting;
18 with a new, more contagious variant of COVID-19 spreading, the
19 need for the vaccine is even more pressing; and

20 WHEREAS, According to publicly reported information, the

1 federal government currently has upwards of 50 percent of
2 currently produced vaccines held back by the Trump
3 Administration; and

4 WHEREAS, The Trump administration has reportedly held back
5 these vaccines to prepare to mitigate situations in the
6 manufacturing and distribution of the doses; and

7 WHEREAS, However, with the agreements with Pfizer and
8 Moderna with Operation Warp Speed for 400 million vaccines
9 doses for the U.S. government along with the expected emergency
10 use authorizations from Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca,
11 there should be no concerns about the safety or effectiveness
12 of the manufacturing pipeline; and

13 WHEREAS, While these vaccines are being kept in storage,
14 America is losing over 2,600 lives each day to the COVID-19
15 pandemic; and

16 WHEREAS, The failure to effectively distribute the
17 COVID-19 vaccine in a timely manner has and will continue to
18 have dire consequences for Illinois residents and the country
19 as a whole; and

20 WHEREAS, Ensuring the health and safety of Illinois
21 citizens is of the utmost importance; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we urge the federal government to distribute the reserve
4 COVID-19 vaccines to states; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 delivered to the President of the United States, the Vice
7 President of the United States; the U.S. Department of Health
8 and Human Services, and all members of the Illinois
9 Congressional Delegation.