HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, In 2020, the novel coronavirus COVID-19 began to spread throughout the world, creating a global pandemic that has had a catastrophic impact on human life, our communities, and our economy; and

WHEREAS, Communities in every state began to experience increased loss of life in March 2020, with families losing fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters due to the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, Many across the United States were and continue to be personally impacted by COVID-19, including mourning their loved ones, neighbors, colleagues, and friends or suffering from the unknown long-term health implications of the virus; and

WHEREAS, Since early March 2020, Illinois has faced the COVID-19 pandemic, which has caused extraordinary sickness and loss of life, infecting over $1,380,261$ people and causing 22,739 deaths in our State alone; and

WHEREAS, In Illinois, public servants, frontline and essential workers, and health care professionals selflessly acted to protect their neighbors and communities and find
innovative ways to provide services at the risk of their own safety and lives; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have an impact on our State, the United States, and countries around the world, but each life lost to COVID-19 shall never be forgotten; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the loss of those who passed due to the COVID-19 virus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we recognize the suffering of those who contracted the COVID-19 virus and survived but carry with them the unknown health side effects; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we offer our deepest sympathies to those who are grieving with hope that the pain will not always feel as sharp and that moments of joy will return.

