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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus  
3 (SARS-CoV-2), better known as COVID-19, was first detected in  
4 Illinois in January of 2020, and the first COVID-19 related  
5 death in Illinois occurred on March 16, 2020; and

6           WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Public Health has  
7 reported nearly 2.8 million cases across all counties and  
8 almost 30,000 COVID-related deaths; more Illinoisans have died  
9 of COVID-19 than died serving in World War I, World War II, and  
10 the war in Vietnam combined; and

11           WHEREAS, Thousands of those who have survived COVID-19 are  
12 still struggling with myriad symptoms of Long COVID-19; this  
13 range of symptoms can last weeks or months after someone is  
14 first infected or can appear weeks after infection; and

15           WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had costly and disruptive impacts on  
16 Illinois residents and their families, businesses,  
17 institutions, and local and state governments; and

18           WHEREAS, Illinois' network of public health professionals,  
19 hospitals, and health care systems have battled relentlessly  
20 to prevent and treat COVID-19 and prevent related deaths; and

1           WHEREAS, It is customary in Illinois to remember and honor  
2 those who have served the people of Illinois in protecting the  
3 public health and to remember lives lost due to public health  
4 tragedies such as COVID-19; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
6 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we declare March 16, 2022 to be a day of remembrance in honor  
8 of those who have been lost to the COVID-19 pandemic and in  
9 recognition of the frontline workers who have sacrificed by  
10 tirelessly laboring to protect the health of Illinoisans.