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