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Memorializing those impacted by and lost to the COVID–19 pandemic.

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Mr. STANTON (for himself and Ms. LETLOW) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Memorializing those impacted by and lost to the COVID–
19 pandemic.

Whereas the first Monday in March is recognized as COVID–
19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day;

Whereas SARS–CoV–2, a novel coronavirus that causes
COVID–19 disease (referred to in this preamble as
“COVID–19”), is a deadly illness that can transmit from
individual to individual;

Whereas, in late 2019, COVID–19 emerged and began to
spread throughout the world, creating a global pandemic
that has had a catastrophic impact on human life, com-
munities in the United States, and the economy of the
United States;

Whereas, in March 2020, communities in every State began
to experience increased death due to the COVID–19 pan-

demic, and families lost parents, siblings, children, friends, and neighbors to the virus;

Whereas, beginning in 2020, many across the United States were and continue to be personally impacted by COVID-19 including mourning their loved ones or suffering from the long-term health implications of the virus;

Whereas, by the end of February 2023, there had been more than 102,998,000 known cases of COVID-19 in the United States, and more than 1,113,000 people tragically lost their lives;

Whereas COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on low-income communities and communities of color, rural and tribal communities, individuals with disabilities, individuals with weakened immune systems, individuals experiencing homelessness, and individuals living in congregate settings, such as long-term care facilities and prisons;

Whereas COVID-19 has harmed the health and wellbeing of veterans, especially those struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder, by increasing social isolation and disrupting access to mental health services;

Whereas COVID-19 has harmed the health and wellbeing of children by reducing access to care and health services, disrupting schooling, increasing stress on caregivers, and tragically robbing millions of children of a parent or caregiver;

Whereas the symptoms and severity of COVID-19 can vary dramatically by individual, and million of survivors are experiencing long-term health implications of post-acute sequelae SARS-CoV-2 infection;

Whereas public servants, frontline and essential workers, and health care and public health professionals took selfless actions to protect their neighbors and communities, support struggling local economies, and find innovative ways to provide services;

Whereas local, State, Tribal, and Federal Government entities provided critical support to businesses, communities, and Americans in need; and

Whereas each life lost to COVID–19 and each sacrifice made shall never be forgotten: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) will memorialize those lost to the COVID–
3 19 pandemic;

4 (2) recognizes the suffering of those who con-
5 tracted the SARS–CoV–2 virus and those who con-
6 tinue to struggle with ongoing impacts of COVID–
7 19; and

8 (3) expresses support for the annual designa-
9 tion of “COVID–19 Victims and Survivors Memorial
10 Day”.

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