A RESOLUTION

To commend the Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio's hospitals, and Ohio's hospital workers for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every aspect of life throughout the United States, and the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA), Ohio's hospitals, and Ohio's hospital workers have been on the front lines of the struggle to protect and defend public health during this unprecedented crisis; and

WHEREAS, According to the Ohio Department of Health, there have been over 145,000 cases of COVID-19 in Ohio, more than 14,800 hospitalizations, and, tragically, over 4,600 Ohioans who have died from the deadly virus; and

WHEREAS, The OHA, an alliance of 240 hospitals and 14 health systems in Ohio, has played a leading role in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic by working with members and stakeholders to ensure coordination and efficient communication during a rapidly evolving crisis; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's hospitals have ably adapted to the crisis by addressing workforce challenges, expanding treatment capacity, managing supply chain interruptions, delivering direct
care, and pioneering new innovations to meet patients' needs; and

WHEREAS, To ensure accurate and timely information, Ohio's hospitals cooperated with the Ohio Department of Health to contribute to an online data dashboard that collects and aggregates vital clinical information from around the state to provide up-to-date statistics on the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The OHA and Ohio's hospitals have consistently worked with long-term care providers to address the lasting effects of the disease and ensure continuity of care for individuals with persistent health challenges unrelated to the COVID-19 pandemic, including individuals in need of mental health or substance use treatment; and

WHEREAS, The OHA and Ohio's hospitals have coordinated with other local, state, and national agencies to prepare for and respond to a wide range of emergency situations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as unrelated events that place further strain on the health care delivery system in Ohio and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Doctors, nurses, other health care professionals, and hospital administrative and janitorial staff in Ohio have taken significant risks and made personal sacrifices to fulfill their duties, including those who have contracted the virus while treating patients and many others who have needed to isolate themselves from family and loved ones to avoid spreading the virus; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's hospitals and health systems have nimbly evaluated and updated emergency protocols, plans, and procedures to ensure that the state is well-prepared for potential future waves of infection and hospitalization surges; now therefore be it
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, commend the Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio's hospitals, and Ohio's hospital workers for their outstanding coordination and exceptional service on behalf of all Ohioans during the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor and news media of Ohio.