A RESOLUTION

Honoring the lives lost during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

WHEREAS, According to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as of January 21, 2021, 404,689 Americans have died as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, According to the Ohio Department of Health, that number includes 9,402 confirmed COVID-19 deaths in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected communities of color in the United States, exacerbating existing health disparities; and

WHEREAS, According to recent data from the CDC and the APM Research Lab, Black, Latinx, Pacific Islander, and Indigenous Americans have a COVID-19 death rate of double or more than of white Americans; and

WHEREAS, According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, more than 2,900 American health care workers have died in the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Older adults and people with underlying health conditions are also at higher risk of death from COVID-19 than
younger, healthier Americans; and

WHEREAS, Millions of Americans have been unable to say goodbye to loved ones or mourn properly as a result of COVID-19; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, recognize and honor the lives lost 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 news media of Ohio.