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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, physicians,
2 nurses, and other health care workers have taken enormous risks to
3 care for critically ill patients, and tragically, far too many of
4 them have lost their lives in the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Across the country, the COVID-19 crisis has strained
6 health care resources and made unprecedented demands on the medical
7 providers who serve our communities; health care workers have been
8 asked to sacrifice their own well-being to care for a surging number
9 of COVID-19 patients, while facing the constant fear of contracting
10 the virus and transmitting it to others; and

11 WHEREAS, The pandemic, to date, has claimed the lives of more
12 than half a million Americans; health care workers who have direct
13 contact with COVID-19 patients have faced significantly
14 higher-than-average rates of infection, and many have fallen ill;
15 these courageous individuals, who are burdened with tremendous
16 responsibility, have grieved for the patients they have lost, as
17 well as for their colleagues who have succumbed to the disease; and

18 WHEREAS, The members of the medical community who have fallen
19 victim to COVID-19 include emergency room doctors, orthopedic
20 surgeons, obstetricians, pulmonologists, neurologists, and
21 neonatologists; they also include nurses, resident physicians,
22 certified nurse anesthetists, nurse practitioners, specialists,
23 and other hospital staff, many of whom worked around the clock in
24 order to give their fellow Americans a better chance of survival;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The health care profession requires unwavering
3 integrity, dedication, and compassion; those who passed away after
4 contracting the coronavirus left behind countless loved ones and
5 friends, and the loss to the institutions and communities they
6 served is incalculable; and

7 WHEREAS, We owe an eternal debt of gratitude to the men and
8 women of the medical community who are no longer here to continue
9 the fight against COVID-19, and we join in commemorating the lives
10 of these heroic Americans and their immeasurable achievements and
11 contributions; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby pay tribute to the lives of physicians and other health care
14 workers who passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic and extend
15 deep and sincere condolences to their families, their friends, and
16 their colleagues.