WHEREAS, In late April 2021, the State of Texas reached a sobering milestone when it surpassed 50,000 deaths of its citizens from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The state's death toll, out of more than two million recorded cases, is the third-highest in the nation; since the first death from the disease was reported in Matagorda County on March 16, 2020, our state has battled several devastating surges in cases, particularly in the early summer months and in the months surrounding the holiday season; on November 13, 2020, Texas for the first time exceeded one million confirmed cases, and on January 11, 2021, a record of over 14,000 Texans were hospitalized due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The majority of deaths from COVID-19 have occurred in hospitals, where terminally ill patients have suffered in isolation from their loved ones; despite heroic efforts on the part of nurses, physicians, and other health care workers, far too many Texas families have dealt with the grief and heartbreak of losing someone to COVID-19; those who perished have included fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, grandparents and great-grandparents, children, and friends, whose deaths have left a tremendous void in their communities and in the lives of those who knew them; and

WHEREAS, Although our state's death toll is a grim reflection of the scale of the COVID-19 pandemic, it cannot adequately convey
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1 the full human impact of this tragedy, and it is fitting that we
2 honor the memories of those Texans who are no longer with us as we
3 express our sympathy toward those who are rebuilding their lives in
4 their absence; now, therefore, be it
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6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the more than 50,000 people who
8 died from COVID-19 in the State of Texas and extend heartfelt
9 condolences to their surviving families and friends.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1492 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 29, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House