WHEREAS, Nearly one year after the nation's first confirmed case of Covid-19, the United States has surpassed 400,000 Covid deaths and 23.3 million cases, the highest in the world; and

WHEREAS, In Rhode Island, more than 2,000 loved ones have been lost to this devastating virus; and

WHEREAS, These losses have shattered our sense of predictability and fairness, and have eclipsed our belief that we could protect our children, our elderly, our loved ones; and

WHEREAS, On January 19, 2021, on the eve of their inaugurations, President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr. and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris will attend a virus memorial event to honor the lives lost during the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, At the event, four hundred lights will be illuminated along the perimeter of the Lincoln Memorial reflecting pool, with each light representing 1,000 Americans who have died of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The emotional toll, communal grief, and economic devastation of this disease on families, communities, and our nation will be forever etched in the hearts of all Americans and in the history of the world; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby joins all Americans in recognizing the 400,000 Americans who have passed because of Covid-19, and prays for the success of President-elect Biden's primary goal to get the pandemic under control; and be it
further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to members of the Rhode Island Congressional
Delegation.

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