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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On September 1, 1961, just after two in the
3 morning, Trans World Airlines Flight 529 took off from Midway
4 Airport bound for Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and San Francisco;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Five minutes into the flight, a two-inch long
7 bolt snapped in the plane's elevator assembly, which caused
8 the plane to crash in what is today Willowbrook, Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, TWA Flight 529 crashed into an open field and
10 immediately burst into flames, leaving behind a debris field
11 of 200 by 1,100 feet; and

12 WHEREAS, 73 passengers, four of whom were from the Chicago
13 land area, and five crew members were all killed on impact,
14 making the crash of TWA Flight 529 the deadliest single plane
15 crash at the time; and

16 WHEREAS, The four Chicago area victims were a pharmacist
17 from Evanston who was on his way to visit his parents in Los
18 Angeles, a nurse from MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn departing for
19 a vacation in San Francisco, and two servicemen returning to
20 duty in California; and

1 WHEREAS, September 1 of 2021 will mark the 60 year
2 anniversary of this tragedy; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare September 1, 2021 as
6 Trans World Airlines Flight 529 Memorial Day in the State of
7 Illinois; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we remember and mourn those we lost on that
9 tragic day in 1961 and extend our sincere condolences to their
10 families and friends.