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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The International Brotherhood of Electrical
3 Workers (IBEW) was founded in 1891; the organization represents
4 about 750,000 workers in the electrical industry in the United
5 States, Canada, Panama, and several Caribbean nations; and

6 WHEREAS, IBEW International President Edwin D. "Ed" Hill
7 was born on August 11, 1937 in Beaver, Pennsylvania; in 1956,
8 he joined IBEW Local 712 in Beaver as a journeyman wireman and
9 quickly became an active member of the local; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1961, Edwin Hill was elected to the political
11 action committee of IBEW Local 712 and took on greater
12 leadership roles; in 1964, he was appointed to the position of
13 Vice President and eventually became President of IBEW Local
14 712; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1976, Edwin Hill was appointed Vice President
16 of the Pennsylvania American Federation of Labor and Congress
17 of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO); during this time, he
18 married his wife, Rosemary, and the pair became the proud
19 parents of 3 children; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1992, Edwin Hill was appointed Representative
21 of the IBEW Third District, representing Pennsylvania, New

1 York, New Jersey, and Delaware; he was appointed Vice President
2 of the IBEW Third District in 1994; and

3 WHEREAS, Due to his diligence, tenacity, and advocacy for
4 working men and women, Edwin Hill continued to receive greater
5 responsibilities within the IBEW; in 1997, he was appointed
6 International Secretary by President John "Jack" Barry; in
7 1998, he was named IBEW's Secretary-Treasurer; and

8 WHEREAS, On January 29, 2001, following John "Jack" Barry's
9 retirement, Edwin Hill was appointed to serve as President of
10 IBEW International; the following September, he was elected by
11 a landslide vote and took office for his first 5-year term; he
12 served as IBEW International President for more than 14 years
13 and recently announced his plan to retire on June 1, 2015,
14 after nearly 60 years with IBEW; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 congratulate Edwin D. Hill on his retirement and thank him for
18 his nearly 60 years of dedicated service as a member of the
19 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Edwin Hill as a symbol of our esteem and respect.