**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MANY OUTSTANDING ELECTRIC LINE WORKERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR STATE.

Whereas, reliable electricity has become an indispensable part of the health, welfare, and prosperity of our society; and

Whereas, the provision of electricity requires the combined efforts of a well‑trained and dedicated group of safety‑oriented professionals; and

Whereas, electrical line work is consistently ranked among the most dangerous professions; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, municipal power systems, investor‑owned electric providers, and the State’s electric cooperatives rely upon more than two thousand line workers to keep our State’s power systems working properly; and

Whereas, line workers are frequently asked to work in the harshest of conditions, including natural disasters, inclement weather, and times of state emergency; and

Whereas, over the last five years, South Carolina’s line workers have selflessly volunteered to leave their families to help those in need of assistance, rendering aid to people from as close as their neighbors within the borders of South Carolina to as far away as Louisiana to the west and Ohio to the north; some have even helped in other nations; and

Whereas, in the past five years alone, more than seven hundred fifty of South Carolina’s line workers have spent more than twenty‑six months away from home, responding to more than fifty different requests for help from folks in need; and

Whereas, these unsung heroes of our modern world quietly perform their duties without fanfare or recognition from the general public as they continue, in the words of poet Chan Gardiner,

“…Fightin’ on gales and the blizzards an’ ice,

Protectin’ the towers and span

With effort not measured in hours or price‑‑

For one cause‑‑service to man!”

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the many outstanding electric line workers in South Carolina and thank them for their service to our State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each electric service provider in the State of South Carolina.

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