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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On September 13, 2017, the National Hurricane Center began tracking a tropical wave that ultimately became Hurricane Maria; and

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WHEREAS, Hurricane Maria became the tenth most intense Atlantic hurricane on record and the most intense tropical storm of the 2017 season; and

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WHEREAS, On September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria made landfall in Puerto Rico as a Category 4 storm with sustained wind speeds of 155 miles per hour; and

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WHEREAS, Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands just 14 days after Hurricane Irma did; and

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WHEREAS, All of the 3.5 million residents of Puerto Rico lost power following Hurricanes Irma and Maria; and

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WHEREAS, In the nearly seven months since Hurricane Maria made landfall in Puerto Rico, more than 40,000 people are still without electricity; and

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WHEREAS, Puerto Rico is experiencing the longest blackout in U.S. history and second-longest in world history, measured

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1 in customer hours of lost electricity service; and

2 WHEREAS, 146 ComEd employees went voluntarily to Puerto
3 Rico to assist the local utility in restoring power; and

4 WHEREAS, The employees who went to Puerto Rico faced
5 unfamiliar and treacherous terrain on the island's mountains
6 and in its rainforests; and

7 WHEREAS, These employees, along with utility workers from
8 the five other Exelon utilities, installed 376 poles, 267
9 transformers, and more than 108 miles of cable; and

10 WHEREAS, Through these employees' hard work over 50 days on
11 the island, more than 11,000 customers in affected areas had
12 their power restored; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 recognize the humanitarian efforts of the men and women of
16 ComEd who volunteered to help restore electricity to the Island
17 of Puerto Rico, known affectionately as La Isla del Encanto;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the ComEd Operations Team leads for their service

1 to the people of Puerto Rico.