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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of
4 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 702 on
5 the occasion of the organization's 100th anniversary in 2011;
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7 WHEREAS, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
8 Local Union 702's rich history began in 1911, when a few men
9 working in the electrical trade in and near Herrin realized
10 that the time had come when those working in the electrical
11 field in all of its branches should be respected and classed as
12 a skilled craft of its own; on their own initiative, these men
13 petitioned the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
14 for a charter and, at the Colombo Hall in Herrin, IBEW Local
15 Union 702 was organized; the local's first officers were
16 President James Hanks, Vice-President Lawrence Hundley,
17 Financial Secretary T. D. Springs, Recording Secretary Ransom
18 Little, and Treasurer George Bullard; and

19 WHEREAS, Local Union 702 has always been a progressive and
20 organizing local union; the first recorded contract between
21 Local Union 702 and a utility was dated January 31, 1917,
22 between Local Union 702 and the Central Illinois Public Service
23 Company; and

1 WHEREAS, Beginning in 1919, the local began to expand;
2 great effort was made in the organization field, starting with
3 the absorption of Local Union 638 in Centralia; from this
4 consolidation, Local Union 702 gained additional territory and
5 numerous new members; Local Union 702 subsequently organized
6 the Illinois-Iowa Power Company (now Illinois Power Company);
7 and

8 WHEREAS, By 1944, Local Union 702's membership had reached
9 approximately 2,600; after negotiations, a group of the
10 membership split from Local Union 702 formed their own local to
11 the north, Local Union 51; Local Union 702 subsequently started
12 an organization program in the utility field; over the next
13 several years, Local Union 702 obligated 365 members from the
14 eastern division of the Central Illinois Public Service
15 Company, 282 members of the Southern Indiana Gas and Electric
16 Company in Evansville, Indiana, and 112 members of the Missouri
17 Utility Company in Cape Girardeau, Missouri; in 1947, the
18 membership of Local Union 1333 at Cape Girardeau, Missouri were
19 transferred to Local Union 702; and

20 WHEREAS, By 1952, Local Union 702 had contracts with
21 numerous organizations, including the Tri-County Electric
22 Cooperative, Inc., the Scott New-Madrid Mississippi Electric
23 Cooperative, the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association,

1 Paulding Sign Company, Hanna Sign Company, the Neon Sign
2 Company of Herrin, Inc., the Southern Indiana Gas and Electric
3 Company, the Oil Field Electric Company, the Illinois Power
4 Company, the Central Illinois Public Service Company, the City
5 of Flora, the Missouri Utilities Company, the Board of Public
6 Utility Commissioners of the City of Cairo, T. and D. Electric,
7 the Illinois Commercial Telephone Company, the National
8 Electric Contractors Association, L.E. Myers Construction
9 Company, Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Inc., and
10 the Illinois Cities Water Company; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, IBEW Local 702 continues the same standards
12 of excellence its founding members committed to a century ago;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate the members of International Brotherhood of
17 Electrical Workers Local 702 on the occasion of the
18 organization's 100th anniversary and wish them continued
19 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to IBEW Local 702 as a symbol of our esteem and
22 respect.