Assembly Resolution No. 565

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COMMEMORATING the 125th Anniversary of Local Union No. 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those organizations within the State of New York that have made significant and lasting contributions to the welfare of working people, the labor movement, and the fabric of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Local Union No. 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; and

WHEREAS, Local Union No. 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), headquartered in Queens, is celebrating its 125th Anniversary of affiliation with the IBEW, marking more than a century of commitment to excellence, solidarity, and justice for electrical workers; and

WHEREAS, The origins of Local Union No. 3 can be traced back to the 1880s, when it was formed as Local Assembly 5468 of the Knights of Labor, and later formally affiliated with the IBEW at the dawn of the 20th century, laying the foundation for generations of advocacy, skill development, and worker empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its 125-year history, Local Union No. 3 has fought tirelessly to elevate labor standards, ensure fair wages, secure safe and dignified working conditions, and uphold the values of the labor movement in New York and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The union has made remarkable investments in education and training through its highly respected apprenticeship program, which provides rigorous classroom instruction and hands-on experience, producing some of the most skilled and dedicated electrical workers in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Through its work with the Joint Industry Board of the Electrical Industry, Local Union No. 3 has administered and overseen a comprehensive network of benefits for its members and their families, including healthcare, pensions, scholarships, and career advancement resources; and

WHEREAS, The Union's strong leadership-past Business Managers Harry Van Arsdale Jr. and Thomas Van Arsdale, and current officers Business Manager Christopher Erikson and President Thomas Cleary-has guided the membership through both high points and challenges over the decades, providing stability and unwavering support for tens of thousands of members and their families; and

WHEREAS, Beyond the jobsite, Local Union No. 3 has maintained a proud tradition of civic engagement, community service, and political activism, helping to build a more equitable and just society for all working people; and

WHEREAS, As it marks this milestone anniversary, Local Union No. 3 celebrates the achievements of its past, honors the sacrifices of its membership, and recommits to its mission of advancing the rights and dignity of workers for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Local Union No. 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, recognizing its unparalleled contributions to labor, industry, and civic life in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the leadership of Local Union No. 3, IBEW.