

## House Resolution 526

By: Representatives Oliver of the 82<sup>nd</sup>, Talton of the 147<sup>th</sup>, Kidd of the 145<sup>th</sup>, Deffenbaugh of the 1<sup>st</sup>, Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending linemen from Georgia Power and the International  
2 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 84, members of the Georgia AFL-CIO, for their  
3 diligence in responding to the needs of individuals in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy; and  
4 for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, linemen from Georgia Power and the International Brotherhood of Electrical  
6 Workers Local 84, members of the Georgia AFL-CIO, have been indispensable to the  
7 recovery efforts in Northeast America following Hurricane Sandy, which killed 149 people  
8 and caused more than \$50 billion in damage; and

9 WHEREAS, within hours after Hurricane Sandy struck, Georgia Power employees and  
10 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 84 and the Georgia  
11 AFL-CIO worked with local authorities to assist in reestablishing power to the more than 4.8  
12 million customers who remained without power in 15 states and the District of Columbia;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the worst states affected by Hurricane Sandy were New Jersey with 1,983,694  
15 customers out of power; New York with 1,514,147; Pennsylvania with 526,934; and  
16 Connecticut with 352,286; with a total estimated economic loss in excess of \$50 billion; and

17 WHEREAS, the death toll from Hurricane Sandy as of November 1, 2012, was at least 149,  
18 including 42 confirmed deaths in New York; 12 in New Jersey; nine in Maryland; six in  
19 Pennsylvania; five in West Virginia; four in Connecticut; two in Virginia; one in North  
20 Carolina; one in Canada; and at least 67 in the Caribbean, including 54 in Haiti; and

21 WHEREAS, this exemplary group of linemen devoted their time, talents, and energies to the  
22 recovery effort in order to relieve some of the impact of a natural disaster that proved tragic  
23 for many.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body join unanimously to applaud the accomplishments of these linemen  
26 and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation  
27 of their efforts in Northeast America following the devastating hurricane on October 29,  
28 2012.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the International  
31 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Georgia Power employees.