

House Resolution 597

By: Representatives Nguyen of the 89th, Trammell of the 132nd, McClain of the 100th, Park of the 101st, Dunahoo of the 30th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 100th anniversary of the installation of the Charter of Local 613 of the
2 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and recognizing the impacts and
3 achievements of this IBEW Local in the City of Atlanta and in the State of Georgia; and for
4 other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, on October 25, 1919, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
6 (IBEW) admitted Local 613 who at the time organized for the 40 hour work week and \$1.00
7 an hour; and

8 WHEREAS, Local 613 has built a democratic local union that allows workers a voice in
9 determining their role at the workplace, in the union, and in the community; and

10 WHEREAS, understanding the importance of formal training for electrical work as early as
11 January of 1921, Local 613 established an education program to be conducted at the Georgia
12 Institute of Technology; and

13 WHEREAS, because of the competence of these union electricians, the City of Atlanta ruled
14 in July, 1923, "All city wiring to be done by union men"; and

15 WHEREAS, through collaboration between Local 613 and NECA Contractors, the Joint
16 Apprenticeship Training Center educates more than 2,000 future wiremen and wirewomen
17 in its various programs; and

18 WHEREAS, in the fall of 1969, on the 50th anniversary of Local 613's charter, the IBEW
19 Building was dedicated at One Electric Plaza, which is now 501 Pulliam Street; and

20 WHEREAS, the skilled electricians of Local 613 have wired Atlanta and Georgia icons from
21 the Fox Historic Theatre in 1929 to Mercedes-Benz Stadium and SunTrust Park in 2017; and

22 WHEREAS, starting from its humble beginning in the fall of 1919 with twelve charter
23 members and their families to representing and bargaining for more than 4,200 members and
24 their families in 2019; and

25 WHEREAS, throughout its history, IBEW Local 613 has demonstrated a strong commitment
26 to improving work conditions, pay, and security for its hard-working electricians; its
27 members play a positive and stabilizing role in the industry, while offering exceptional
28 service to clients and members of the community.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body honor Local 613, IBEW, its officers, and members on the occasion
31 of the 100th anniversary of the installation of their charter and that we join Local 613 in
32 greeting friends in attendance and those who could not attend.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
35 IBEW Local 613.