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1        A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the  
2        International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 481 on  
3        63 years of lighting Monument Circle.

4        *Whereas, The Soldiers and Sailors Monument was  
5        constructed between 1888 and 1901 and quickly became an  
6        iconic symbol of Indianapolis;*

7        *Whereas, On December 2, 1962, the Soldiers and Sailors  
8        Monument was transformed into "the world's largest Christmas  
9        tree" when the local International Brotherhood of Electrical  
10       Workers (IBEW) illuminated the 246-foot-tall monument in  
11       front of a crowd of 10,000 with 6,000 multi-colored lights,  
12       weighing 3,220 pounds and with visibility from an estimated  
13       twenty miles away;*

14       *Whereas, Every October since 1962, IBEW 481 volunteer  
15       retirees dedicate their time and energy at the Indiana State  
16       Fairgrounds by hand checking each of the 4,784 multi-color  
17       light bulbs attached to 52 garland strands hung for the Circle  
18       of Lights;*

19       *Whereas, Each November, over 300 IBEW volunteers  
20       donate their time to install the Circle of Lights, which typically  
21       takes six hours;*

22       *Whereas, Over the years, the act of lighting the Soldiers  
23       and Sailors monument has transformed from a tree gimmick in  
24       favor of "The Circle of Lights", a massive effort to create  
25       lasting memories through a free event the day after*



1        *Thanksgiving each year;*

2        *Whereas, Each January, over 200 IBEW volunteers donate  
3            their time to help take down the Circle of Lights, which  
4            typically takes five hours; and*

5        *Whereas, Regularly drawing crowds of over 100,000  
6            people, the Circle of Lights is a beloved annual tradition that  
7            signals the start of the holiday season in Indianapolis, built on  
8            the selfless hours of work and dedication of IBEW 481  
9            volunteers: Therefore,*

10        *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly  
11            of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives  
12            concurring:*

13        SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the  
14            International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 481 on  
15            63 years of lighting Monument Circle and thanks them for  
16            decades of bringing holiday cheer to Indianapolis.

17        SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
18            to transmit copies of this Resolution to the International  
19            Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 481.

