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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 235

Offered March 5, 2018

*Commending the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 26.*

Patrons—Ebbin, Barker, Deeds, Howell, Locke, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, Saslaw, Spruill and Surovell; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Aird, Ayala, Bagby, Boysko, Bulova, Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Filler-Corn, Guzman, Heretick, Herring, Hope, Hurst, Krizek, Lindsey, Lopez, Murphy, Plum, Rasoul, Rodman, Sickles, Simon, Sullivan, Toscano and Turpin

WHEREAS, for more than 125 years, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 26 has supported electrical workers in Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 26 received its charter in 1892, at a time when there were still dirt roads and cow pastures in the nation's capital; and

WHEREAS, by 1894, members of IBEW Local 26 had installed the first electric lights in Washington, D.C., and later worked diligently to make electrical power more accessible as demand grew; and

WHEREAS, World War II spurred significant new development in Washington, D.C., and members of IBEW Local 26 participated in the construction of the Pentagon, the 34-acre headquarters of the United States Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, after the war, IBEW Local 26 helped construct the many homes, shopping malls, businesses, and schools that developed in the region's growing suburbs; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s, members of IBEW Local 26 hung the magnificent chandeliers of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, which was said to be the largest all-electric building in the world at the time, and in the 1970s, members of IBEW Local 26 were integral to the construction of the Washington Metro; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, IBEW Local 26 moved to a new headquarters in Maryland with more than 30,000 square feet of training space equipped with cutting-edge technology to ensure that all electricians, from apprentices to journeymen, receive the best possible training; and

WHEREAS, IBEW Local 26 also operates an 18,000 square foot training facility in Manassas and a satellite office in Roanoke with an additional training center; access to high-quality training has ensured that members of IBEW Local 26 receive better wages and benefits than ever before; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, IBEW Local 26 has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving work conditions, pay, and security for its hardworking electricians; its members play a positive and stabilizing role in the industry, while offering exceptional service to clients and members of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 26 on the occasion of its 125th anniversary in 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 26 as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's commitment to quality craftsmanship and advocacy on behalf of electrical workers.

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