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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 593

Offered January 26, 2023

*Commending Washington Gas Light Company.*Patrons—Krizek, Byron, Murphy, Orrock, Sickles and Sullivan

WHEREAS, Washington Gas Light Company, a leading purveyor of energy services in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, celebrates its 175th anniversary in 2023; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 1848, the Washington Gas Light Company, known commonly as Washington Gas, was founded through a charter of the United States Congress that was signed into law by President James K. Polk, making it the first Congressionally chartered gas company in the country; and

WHEREAS, in the beginning, Washington Gas was responsible for installing gas lights in the United States Capitol, the White House, and along Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Washington Gas expanded into the Commonwealth and Maryland around the turn of the 20th century and today provides safe and reliable natural gas service to more than 1.2 million residential, commercial, and industrial customers in the national capital region; and

WHEREAS, restructured as WGL Holdings, Inc., in 2000, Washington Gas and other companies under the WGL banner have been indirect, wholly-owned subsidiaries of AltaGas Ltd. since 2018, helping to make the company a leader in North America for clean, efficient, and diverse energy solutions; and

WHEREAS, Washington Gas has earned a reputation among its customers for its reliability and dependability, as its 1,611 employees, including 956 residents of the Commonwealth, take great pains to ensure the company provides continuous service through a variety of challenges and circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Washington Gas has supported various nonprofit, community, civic, and charitable organizations over the years, enhancing the quality of life for countless individuals and families in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, Washington Gas has worked tirelessly to foster a strong and thriving business climate in its service territory, offering support and leadership to local chambers of commerce and other business organizations; and

WHEREAS, through its commitment to excellence and its unwavering dedication to its customers over the past 175 years, Washington Gas has presented a model to which all companies may aspire; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Washington Gas Light Company on the occasion of its 175th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Washington Gas Light Company as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the company's history and appreciation for its contributions to the Commonwealth.

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