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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 2084 to be celebrated in July of 2010

WHEREAS, Organizations devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth, are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and

WHEREAS, From time to time, society calls upon these organizations to be recognized for the significance of their contributions and efforts to assist others in developing the skills necessary to be successful, productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 2084, and to pay just tribute to the union workers at Cooper Crouse-Hinds Company upon the occasion of observing this auspicious milestone to be celebrated in July of 2010; and

WHEREAS, On July 1, 1960, production and maintenance workers voted to form their union with the IBEW, ending 61 years as an open shop, at the long-time Syracuse manufacturer of electrical products; and

WHEREAS, In 1891, the American Federation of Labor granted the IBEW its charter as an international union; and

WHEREAS, The international union suffered setbacks to its membership, such as the open shop movement era of 1918 through the 1920s, known as the American Plan, and the early years of the Great Depression; however, New Deal legislation of the 1930s enabled the union to regain membership; and

WHEREAS, The IBEW once reached a membership of 1 million; yet, foreign competition, technological change and anti-worker sentiments again cut into its membership; and

WHEREAS, Today, the IBEW holds a membership of 750,000 among its 947 local unions in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Local 2084, with a membership of 200, is under the exceptional direction of its current officers, President, Guy Raymond; Vice

President, Mike Allen; Recording Secretary, Harry Mosher; Financial Secretary, Dave Philips; Treasurer, Dave Pickard; and Business Manager, James E. Jackson Jr.; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Executive Board members include John Annal, William Annicharico, Sylvester Beeles, Pat Hadley, Dennis Muir, William Paninski, Bob Robinson, Don Steinbaugh and Lynn Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Local 2084 is a local union of workers who take great pride in the accomplishments of their forefathers and carry a strong commitment to meeting the demands of the future; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 2084, and to pay just tribute to the union workers at Cooper Crouse-Hinds Company upon the occasion of observing this auspicious milestone to be celebrated in July of 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 2084.