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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Trustees of the Educational and Cultural Trust Fund of the Electrical Industry upon the occasion of hosting the 63rd Annual Scholarship Awards Breakfast

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Trustees of the Educational and Cultural Trust Fund of the Electrical Industry upon the occasion of hosting the 63rd Annual Scholarship Awards Breakfast on Saturday, April 16, 2011, in Flushing, New York; and

WHEREAS, For over 50 years Local Union No. 3 has recognized the importance of a high school education and a high school diploma has been a prerequisite for admission to the Apprentice Training Program in the Construction Division and for advancement to the "A" Division; to enable Local Union No. 3 and their families to study for and take the G.E.D. examination, the Educational and Cultural Trust Fund sponsors G.E.D. Preparation classes at the Electric Industry Center; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Educational and Cultural Trust Fund is to provide and grant scholarships to eligible children of the members of Local Union No. 3; it is also to advance the continued formal education of participating members and their spouses; and

WHEREAS, Local Union No. 3 has always recognized the need to place heavy emphasis on education and training to benefit its membership; it is a nationally recognized leader in the introduction and implementation of unique and innovative programs which have helped contribute to a stronger quality of life, beginning with the institution of educational

courses for members and representatives of Local Union No. 3, I.B.E.W.

in the late 1930s; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing a need to assure young men and women of ability with the chance to gain an education that would provide the background necessary to meet society's challenges, the Pension Committee of the Electrical Industry created the Industry Scholarship Program in 1949; the first two scholarships, which were named for A. Lincoln Bush, the first Chairman of the Joint Industry Board, and William A. Hogan, who was, for over fifty years, Financial Secretary of Local No. 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, provided members with funding to lead to a degree in electrical engineering; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, the Pension Committee turned over to the newly established Educational and Cultural Fund all resources and obligations; the program has produced more than 1,600 degrees which include Phi Beta Kappa honors, Guggenheim and National Science Fellowships; 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 commend the Trustees of the Educational and Cultural Trust Fund of the Electrical Industry upon the occasion of hosting the 63rd Annual Scholarship Awards Breakfast; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Trustees of the Educational and Cultural Trust Fund of the Electrical Industry.