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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the International  
2 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 481 on 62 years of  
3 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*

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1     *donate their time to install the Circle of Lights, which typically*  
2     *takes six hours;*

3             *Whereas, Over the years, the act of lighting the Soldiers*  
4     *and Sailors monument has transformed from a tree gimmick in*  
5     *favor of "The Circle of Lights", a massive effort to create*  
6     *lasting memories through a free event the day after*  
7     *Thanksgiving each year;*

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

11            *Whereas, Regularly drawing crowds of over 100,000*  
12    *people, the Circle of Lights is a beloved annual tradition that*  
13    *signals the start of the holiday season in Indianapolis, built on*  
14    *the selfless hours of work and dedication of IBEW 481*  
15    *volunteers: Therefore,*

16                             *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
17                             *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

18            SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors the  
19    International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 481 on  
20    62 years of lighting Monument Circle and thanks them for  
21    decades of bringing holiday cheer to Indianapolis.

22            SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
23    to transmit copies of this resolution to Senator Koch.

