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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Educational and Cultural Trust Fund of the Electrical Industry upon the occasion of its 66th Annual Scholarship Awards Program on April 5, 2014

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Educational and Cultural Trust Fund of the Electrical Industry upon the occasion of its 66th Annual Scholarship Awards Program on April 5, 2014; and

WHEREAS, In 1948, Local Union No. 3, I.B.E.W. requested Father Kelley, Chairman of the New York State Labor Relations Board, acting in his individual capacity, to guide the Election Board of Local Union No. 3, I.B.E.W. in the conduct of its election of officers; and

WHEREAS, In lieu of payment for his highly praised services, Father Kelley suggested a scholarship be established in his name at the Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, the Father William J. Kelley, O.M.I. Scholarship Program became the first scholarship awarded by Local Union No. 3; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed scholarship, and the program it generated, was unique for its time within the union movement and within the United States; and

WHEREAS, The first year, two other scholarships were established: one honoring A. Lincoln Bush, a noted electrical contractor and first Chair-

man of the Joint Industry Board of the Electrical Industry; and a second named for William A. Hogan, Financial Secretary, Local Union No. 3; and

WHEREAS, Each succeeding year, additional scholarships were added, most honoring great men within the electrical industry; a special minority scholarship was introduced in 1969, honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and a fellowship was dedicated to the memory of Dean Harry Carman of Columbia University, the educator who played a major role in further developing the process of education for Local Union No. 3, I.B.E.W. members; and

WHEREAS, The value of the scholarships has increased to reflect the rising cost of education, and may now be used to attain a degree in nearly any chosen field of study; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when educational programs 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 Educational and Cultural Trust Fund of the Electrical Industry upon the occasion of its 66th Annual Scholarship Awards Program on April 5, 2014; and be it further

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