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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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PETRARCA, BOROWICZ AND NEILSON, JUNE 3, 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 3, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 100th anniversary of Penelec.

2 WHEREAS, Starting in 1889, a number of small electric  
3 companies began forming in southwestern Pennsylvania; and

4 WHEREAS, By 1916, it was clear that one company in Johnstown  
5 was becoming the biggest of all the competitors and was looking  
6 to make a conglomerate of the smaller companies; and

7 WHEREAS, On June 11, 1919, Penn Public Service Corporation  
8 officially formed, which merged the smaller companies with the  
9 larger competitor; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the years, Penn Public Service Corporation  
11 would continue to bring in smaller electric companies and expand  
12 geographically; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1927, the company adopted the name Penelec; and

14 WHEREAS, By the 1930s, the company had coal plants, a

1 hydroelectric generator and many generating stations; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1946, Penelec became part of General Public  
3 Utility; and

4 WHEREAS, By 1956, Penelec joined seven other companies in one  
5 of the world's most significant power interconnection systems,  
6 the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland Interconnection; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2001, General Public Utility merged with  
8 FirstEnergy; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2018, FirstEnergy closed the Beaver Valley  
10 Nuclear Power Station in Pennsylvania in an effort to reduce  
11 reliance on unsustainable energy sources, improve renewable  
12 energy sources and promote electric vehicles; and

13 WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 100th anniversary of the formation of  
14 the Penn Public Service Corporation; and

15 WHEREAS, Penelec was one of the most significant innovators  
16 in the early days of Pennsylvania's electric companies and its  
17 legacy continues through the innovation and evolution of the  
18 Pennsylvania power grid; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the 100th  
20 anniversary of Penelec.