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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Cellular phones have become a vital part of  
3 everyday life, and citizens rely on them for ease of  
4 communication and accessing information; and

5 WHEREAS, The abuse of this technology by scam artists and  
6 criminals leads to significant disruptions in everyday life and  
7 substantial financial losses; and

8 WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission received 4.5 million  
9 complaints in 2018 from citizens frustrated with incessant scam  
10 callers and robocalls; and

11 WHEREAS, Scam callers are becoming increasingly  
12 sophisticated, using spoofing technology to mimic local area  
13 codes in order to fool the call recipient; and

14 WHEREAS, 30 billion robocalls were made in 2017, a number  
15 that is growing from year-to-year; and

16 WHEREAS, \$350 Million dollars are lost every year to scam  
17 calls; and

18 WHEREAS, Having a phone number registered on the national  
19 Do Not Call Registry does little to discourage or stop criminal

1 phone scams; and

2 WHEREAS, New phone verification methods, including the  
3 Secure Telephone Identity Revisited (STIR) and Signature-based  
4 Handling of Asserted information using toKENS (SHAKEN), show  
5 great promise for helping to stop the increasing flood of scam  
6 and robocalls; and

7 WHEREAS, The federal government and telecom companies are  
8 taking steps to stop the overwhelming flood of fraudulent and  
9 unsolicited phone calls that consumers receive; therefore, be  
10 it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we support all efforts by the federal government and the  
14 telecommunication industry to stop the abuse of our national  
15 telecommunication networks and the defrauding of our citizens  
16 by deceitful robocalls and scam callers; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
18 delivered to the Federal Communications Commission Chairman  
19 Ajit Pai and to the respective CEOs of the top five  
20 telecommunication companies in Illinois.