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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Access to affordable, reliable, high-speed  
3 broadband service is essential to full participation in modern  
4 life in the State and throughout the United States; and

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WHEREAS, The persistent digital divide in the State and in  
6 the United States is a barrier to economic competitiveness in  
7 the economic distribution of essential public services,  
8 including health care and education; and

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WHEREAS, In 2021, as part of the bipartisan Infrastructure  
10 Investment and Jobs Act's historic investment in broadband  
11 infrastructure and digital equity, Congress appropriated more  
12 than 14 billion dollars for the Affordable Connectivity  
13 Program (ACP); and

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WHEREAS, Based on the current take rates, the more than 14  
15 billion dollars in funding appropriated for the ACP could be  
16 exhausted in early 2024; and

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WHEREAS, The ACP has been a tremendous success, with  
18 almost 700,000 Illinois households enrolled in the program and  
19 23,000,000 households enrolled nationally; and

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WHEREAS, The ACP has been a critical tool in helping

1 bridge the digital divide that exists between those who have  
2 access to modern information and communications technology and  
3 those who do not; therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge each member of  
6 the Illinois Congressional Delegation to support continued  
7 funding of the ACP so that low-income Illinois households can  
8 continue to receive the support they need to participate in  
9 the digital marketplace; and be it further

10       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
11 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.  
12 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the  
13 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives  
14 Minority Leader, and all members of the Illinois Congressional  
15 Delegation.