



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois Commerce Commission issued an order
3 in April of 2005 establishing an "overlay" of a new area code
4 to supplement the telephone number supply in Illinois' 618 area
5 code; the new code is 730; and

6 WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
7 currently requires 11-digit dialing when an overlay area code
8 is implemented; and

9 WHEREAS, The FCC's 11-digit dialing mandate is a needless
10 inconvenience for residential and business consumers; and

11 WHEREAS, Residents in the 618 region would be able to
12 continue dialing 7 digits for all local calls if the FCC were
13 to change its policy on mandatory 11-digit dialing in an
14 overlay situation; and

15 WHEREAS, The FCC's mandatory 11-digit dialing policy could
16 soon affect all the residents of Illinois, as the phone
17 industry claims that every area code in the State will be out
18 of phone numbers by 2007; and

19 WHEREAS, On December 29, 2001, the FCC reversed its
20 long-standing opposition to wireless-only overlays, signaling
21 that the agency is potentially reconsidering its area code
22 policies; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
25 we urge the Federal Communications Commission to grant a
26 permanent waiver of the 11-digit dialing mandate for the 618
27 region and to change its policy on overlay area codes; and be
28 it further

1 RESOLVED, That new area codes should not be implemented in
2 the 618 region until 50 percent of the available telephone
3 numbers in the existing 618 area code are assigned to
4 consumers; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the Chairman of the FCC, the Chairman of the
7 Illinois Commerce Commission, and each member of the Illinois
8 congressional delegation.