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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The growth of a free and open Internet has  
3 provided historic advances in the realms of communication,  
4 research and economic development; and

5           WHEREAS, Development of new technology is a crucial element  
6 in the transformation of Illinois' economy to meet future  
7 needs; and

8           WHEREAS, To encourage broadband deployment and preserve  
9 and promote the open and interconnected nature of the Internet,  
10 Illinois consumers are entitled to access the lawful Internet  
11 content of their choice without interference by their Internet  
12 service providers; and

13           WHEREAS, To encourage the transformation of Illinois'  
14 economy to meet future needs and to further the growth of  
15 Illinois' technology industry, Illinois businesses are  
16 entitled to, and require, open and unfettered Internet access;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, A free and open Internet helps to ensure the free  
19 flow of information and political and religious speech that  
20 makes for a strong and vibrant democracy; and

1           WHEREAS, The exponential growth of the Internet has  
2 flourished as a result of both the government's "hand's off"  
3 approach, ever increasing competition, as well as fierce  
4 consumer interest; and

5           WHEREAS, Regulation of the Internet may interfere with  
6 future investment and innovations benefiting the health and  
7 well-being of its end user customers; and

8           WHEREAS, Internet users should be given a choice when it  
9 comes to selecting a broadband connection that will meet their  
10 current and future needs for speed, reliability, quality of  
11 service, and capabilities not yet envisioned; and

12           WHEREAS, Broadband connections, services, and applications  
13 should continue to become more affordable and accessible to all  
14 consumers; and

15           WHEREAS, Companies that invest in broadband and  
16 broadband-related applications should be afforded the  
17 flexibility to explore fair and competitive business models and  
18 pricing plans for their products and services; and

19           WHEREAS, Mandated net neutrality regulations would impede  
20 future capital investments in the U.S. broadband  
21 infrastructure, which already lags behind its European and

1 Asian counterparts; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 the Illinois House of Representatives calls upon the Congress  
5 of the United States of America to refrain from legislation  
6 that would regulate the Internet and to maintain today's  
7 approach that allows the competitive marketplace to drive  
8 broadband and broadband-related applications development and  
9 deployment free from governmental regulation; and be it further

10       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the  
11 President of the United States, the members of the Federal  
12 Communications Commission, and to each member of the Illinois  
13 Congressional delegation.