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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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1 WHEREAS, The exponential growth of the Internet has
2 flourished as a result of both the government's "hand's off"
3 approach and 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.