

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A new overlay area code was recently introduced  
3 in the 847 region, even though less than 50% of the phone  
4 numbers in the 847 region are actually being used; and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, Residents in the 847 region could once again  
11 dial 7 digits for all local calls if the FCC were to change  
12 its policy on mandatory 11-digit dialing in an overlay  
13 situation; and

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

18 WHEREAS, On December 28, 2001, the FCC reversed its  
19 long-standing opposition to wireless-only overlays, signaling  
20 that the agency is potentially reconsidering its area code  
21 policies; and

22 WHEREAS, The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) has filed a  
23 petition with the FCC asking the agency to permanently waive  
24 the 11-digit dialing mandate in the 847 region; therefore, be  
25 it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
27 ILLINOIS, that we urge the Federal Communications Commission  
28 to grant a permanent waiver of the 11-digit dialing mandate  
29 in the 847 region and to change its policy on overlay area  
30 codes; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the Chairman of the FCC, the Chairman of the  
3 Illinois Commerce Commission, and each member of the Illinois  
4 congressional delegation.