
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT AND ESTABLISH A
NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK.

1 WHEREAS, the government of Australia has recently created
2 the National Broadband Network, which is a wholesale-only open
3 access high-speed broadband network that will deliver high-speed
4 broadband to all Australians; and
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6 WHEREAS, the National Broadband Network will involve the
7 laying of fiber optic cabling to ninety-three per cent of
8 Australian homes, schools, and businesses, providing broadband
9 speeds of up to one gigabit per second. The remaining premises
10 will be connected via a combination of next-generation high-
11 speed fixed wireless and satellite technologies delivering peak
12 speeds of at twelve megabits per second; and
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14 WHEREAS, the National Broadband Network is to expected to
15 deliver significant improvements in broadband services for all
16 Australians at affordable prices; support a new wave of digital
17 innovation that will change and improve the way Australians
18 live their lives, receive services, and connect with the world;
19 drive Australia's productivity; transform service delivery in
20 key areas such as health, education, and energy; connect big
21 cities, regional centers, and rural communities; and reform the
22 structure of Australia's telecommunications sector to the
23 benefit of all Australians; and
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25 WHEREAS, the United States, like Australia, lags behind
26 many other developed countries in its deployment of high-speed
27 broadband communications networks across the country, and like
28 Australia, is in need of a bold nationwide initiative to deploy
29 high-speed broadband communications; and
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1 WHEREAS, high-speed broadband service in the United States
2 is concentrated in major metropolitan areas, with little
3 connectivity to other population centers or rural areas; and
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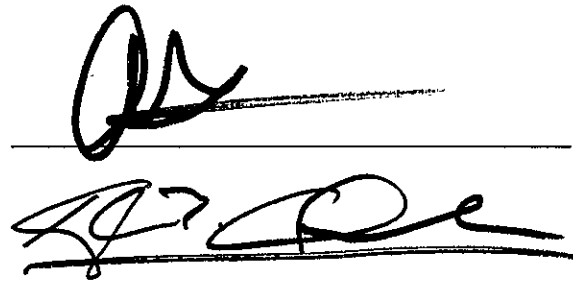
5 WHEREAS, there is no cohesive high-speed broadband network
6 in the United States; rather, service is provided by a patchwork
7 of different telecommunications networks, often with widely
8 varying speeds and limited connectivity; and
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10 WHEREAS, the deployment of high-speed broadband across the
11 United States should be a congressional priority to improve
12 productivity, transform service delivery, and connect all areas
13 of the country; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
17 of 2012, urges the United States Congress to support and
18 establish a national broadband network across the United States,
19 modeled after Australia's National Broadband Network; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of
23 the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House
24 of Representatives, and members of Hawaii's congressional
25 delegation.
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