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3 By Senator Orr
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4 ENROLLED, SJR8,

5 URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE ALABAMA CONGRESSIONAL

6 DELEGATION TO SUPPORT FEDERAL PROGRAMS ENHANCING THE

7 DEVELOPMENT OF BROADBAND INTERNET IN RURAL AREAS OF THIS

8 STATE.

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10 WHEREAS, according to the Federal Communications
11 Commission Chairman, many rural Americans still lack access to
12 broadband Internet services; and

13 WHEREAS, thousands of Alabamians remain without
14 access to broadband Internet services; and

15 WHEREAS, in an effort to enhance affordable access
16 to broadband Internet, the federal government has implemented
17 certain initiatives to build out necessary infrastructure; and

18 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Agriculture
19 has recently announced that it will offer between 40 and 50
20 million dollars to rural carriers that invest in introducing
21 broadband Internet in rural areas; and

22 WHEREAS, it is imperative that Alabama capitalize
23 upon federal dollars to broaden Internet access in this state
24 to further allow Alabamians in rural areas to actively

1 participate in economic and civic life far beyond their
2 geographic region; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That by copy of this resolution to
5 each member of the Alabama Congressional Delegation, we hereby
6 urge delegation members to support Alabama's participation in
7 federal programs that enhance Internet access in rural areas
8 and to actively advance Alabama as a pilot state in federal
9 broadband Internet expansion programs.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

SJR8
Senate 19-MAR-15
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 21-APR-15

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