

House Resolution 693

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Abrams of the 89th, Hugley of the 136th, Evans of the 42nd, and Stephenson of the 90th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Shawn M. Powers and Michael Jablonski for coauthoring an
2 award-winning book; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Shawn M. Powers and Michael Jablonski, after having conducted years of
4 meticulous research and writing, coauthored and published their first book, *The Real Cyber*
5 *War: The Political Economy of Internet Freedom (History of Communication)*, in 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, their thought-provoking book delves into how Internet policies and governance
7 have emerged as critical sites of geopolitical contestation, with results certain to shape
8 statecraft, diplomacy, and conflict in the twenty-first century; and

9 WHEREAS, their critical analysis and farseeing book were met with high praise from outlets
10 such as *Communication and Society*, *The Journal of Communication*, *The Marine Corps*
11 *University Journal*, and *The Guardian*, and from reviewers including the executive director
12 of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University; and

13 WHEREAS, the book received a prestigious International Communication Book Award in
14 2017, as it was deemed to have made the most substantial impact in the area of international
15 communication in the context of international studies; and

16 WHEREAS, the announcement of the award read, in part, "The book award committee
17 enthusiastically chose this book... and noted the book's strength in its contribution to theory
18 building"; and

19 WHEREAS, both authors hail from Georgia's public university system, as Shawn M. Powers
20 is an assistant professor of communication at Georgia State University and Michael Jablonski
21 is an attorney and Presidential Fellow in communication at Georgia State University; and

22 WHEREAS, Shawn M. Powers and Michael Jablonski's absorbing and critically extolled
23 book has furthered the international discussion on Internet policies and the economy of
24 information in ways that are meritorious and worthy.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body congratulate Shawn M. Powers and Michael Jablonski on their
27 groundbreaking work and exemplary contribution to academia and the cybersecurity dialogue
28 at large.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Shawn
31 M. Powers and Michael Jablonski.