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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 163

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GOVERNOR. Requests governor to seek federal funding to provide high-speed broadband Internet to all Louisiana citizens.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of the state of Louisiana,  
3 to take all necessary action to seek federal funding to provide high-speed broadband  
4 Internet to all Louisiana citizens.

5 WHEREAS, access to high-speed broadband is no longer a luxury, it is a necessity  
6 for families, businesses, and consumers, a key competitive factor for economic development,  
7 education, and quality of life, and vital to full participation in economic, educational,  
8 political, and social life; and

9 WHEREAS, Louisiana is the 36th most broadband connected state in the nation with  
10 only 77% of the state's population having access to 25+ mbps wired broadband, 19% of the  
11 state's citizens are underserved with access to less than two wired providers, and 250,000  
12 people do not have any wired internet provider available where they live, all according to  
13 BroadbandNow, which particularly impacts persons in high poverty and in remote urban and  
14 rural areas of the state; and

15 WHEREAS, funding for broadband projects, including deployment, public access,  
16 adoption, and planning initiatives, is available through a number of federal agencies.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
18 does hereby urge and request the Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of the state of

