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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY FORD
1 3 A Resolution supporting the expansion of communication
1 4 technologies that address the unique needs of
1 5 underserved and economically disadvantaged urban
1 6 and rural communities.
1 7 WHEREAS, our nation's role as a world leader
1 8 depends upon the full development and integration of
1 9 advanced communication services and information
1 10 technology, including broadband internet and related
1 11 digital technologies, into our national and state
1 12 economy, the communities of this state, and the daily
1 13 lives of this state's citizens; and
1 14 WHEREAS, every segment of our economy must be
1 15 prepared to meet the challenges presented by
1 16 technological advancements, regardless of geographic
1 17 location, socio-economic status, or physical or mental
1 18 ability, and not suffer a disparate impact from lack
1 19 of access to, or productive use of, technological
1 20 innovation; and
1 21 WHEREAS, advanced communication services and
1 22 information technology can assist in the empowerment
1 23 of economically disadvantaged urban and rural areas of
1 24 this state; and
1 25 WHEREAS, the deployment of advanced communication
1 26 services and information technology can be assisted by
1 27 ensuring that the public rights-of-way remain a
1 28 taxable interest so that its infrastructure may remain
1 29 whole, that the practice of economic red-lining be
1 30 ended, and that the integrity of the Universal Service
2 1 Fund be maintained; NOW THEREFORE,
2 2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 3 That the House of Representatives supports and
2 4 encourages the local, state, and federal development
2 5 and implementation of public-private broadband
2 6 partnerships and government-sponsored broadband
2 7 networks to ensure that economically disadvantaged
2 8 urban and rural communities have access to affordable
2 9 advanced communication services and information
2 10 technology; and
2 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
2 12 this Resolution be prepared and forwarded by the Chief
2 13 Clerk of the House of Representatives to the members
2 14 of Iowa's congressional delegation and the members of
2 15 the Federal Communications Commission.
2 16 LSB 2537YH 83
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