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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to support efforts to  
2 permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act and  
3 supporting H.R. 235.

4 WHEREAS, Internet access, the World Wide Web and an effective  
5 electronic commerce system are essential to the functioning of  
6 the economy; and

7 WHEREAS, Internet access must be protected from multiple and  
8 discriminatory taxes at the State and local level; and

9 WHEREAS, The Internet promotes a nationwide economic  
10 environment that facilitates innovation, promotes efficiency,  
11 and empowers people to broadly share their ideas; and

12 WHEREAS, Affordable Internet access promotes consumer access  
13 to jobs, education, health care, and entrepreneurial  
14 opportunities, regardless of race, income or neighborhood; and

15 WHEREAS, Business owners heavily rely on affordable Internet  
16 access, providing them with access to new markets, additional  
17 consumers and an opportunity to compete in the global economy;  
18 and

1       WHEREAS, The Internet has continued to drive economic growth,  
2 productivity, and innovation since the Internet Tax Freedom Act  
3 was first enacted in 1998; and

4       WHEREAS, The Internet is inherently a matter of interstate  
5 and foreign commerce within the jurisdiction of the Congress of  
6 the United States under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the  
7 Constitution of the United States; and

8       WHEREAS, Congressman Bob Goodlatte has introduced H.R. 235,  
9 known as the Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act; therefore be it

10       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Congress  
11 of the United States to enact legislation that would permanently  
12 extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act, permanently extending the  
13 moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and  
14 discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce; and be it further

15       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the  
16 President of the United States, to the presiding officers of  
17 each house of Congress, to each member of Congress from  
18 Pennsylvania and to Congressman Bob Goodlatte.