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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,
OCTOBER 3, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to ban Internet access
2 taxes before the moratorium expires.

3 WHEREAS, Broadband Internet access for all Americans is an
4 important public policy objective; and

5 WHEREAS, Taxing Internet access will have a chilling effect
6 on broadband investment in rural and low-density areas where
7 fewer consumers will buy a higher-priced product; and

8 WHEREAS, Less deployment in rural and low-density areas means
9 fewer people can telework, reducing personal quality of life and
10 the public good effects, such as reducing commuting traffic and
11 pollution; and

12 WHEREAS, Taxing Internet access widens the digital divide and
13 limits the economic and educational opportunities available to
14 lower-income Americans: 11% of households with income below
15 \$30,000 have broadband service compared to 61% of households
16 with income above \$100,000; and

1 WHEREAS, Taxing Internet access raises costs for distance
2 learning, interactive medicine and new online business models;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The current Federal moratorium on Internet access
5 taxes expires on November 1, 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, Extending or making permanent the current moratorium
7 on Internet access taxes would have substantial positive
8 downstream effects for Internet infrastructure and services
9 throughout the United States; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
11 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in support of a permanent ban on
12 Internet access taxes, urge the Congress to act quickly to enact
13 new legislation banning Internet access taxes before the current
14 moratorium expires; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives convey its
16 support to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania and the
17 President of the United States; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
19 the President of the United States and to each member of
20 Congress from Pennsylvania.