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Outlining a vision to shape congressional information technology policy into the next century to promote and preserve the successes, leadership, and uniqueness of the United States information technology sector.

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Mr. DAVIS of Virginia (for himself, Mr. DREIER, Mr. GOODLATTE, Ms. DUNN, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Ms. ESHOO, and Mr. SMITH of Washington) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Outlining a vision to shape congressional information technology policy into the next century to promote and preserve the successes, leadership, and uniqueness of the United States information technology sector.

Whereas continued growth in the information technology industry is the key to maintaining and strengthening the competitiveness of the American economy and the technological advantage of the United States Armed Forces in the 21st century;

Whereas private sector investment, initiative, and know-how have been the driving forces in creating our Nation's leadership position in information technology;

Whereas industry has thrived because it has been free from government interference and has been able to develop, innovate, and grow according to the demands of the free market and consumers;

Whereas the Internet represents the next great mass communications technology, and government regulation of the Internet and the high tech industry will harm their success and growth as the primary tools for communication between people and businesses;

Whereas the Internet and other information technologies are being used by United States businesses and consumers for communications, entertainment, and information, and for conducting commercial transactions;

Whereas electronic commerce is the new marketplace of the 21st century and is empowering consumers and having a profound impact on the way business traditionally has been conducted; and

Whereas development of a national information technology policy must be based on free market principles that will ensure that consumers and suppliers determine the most desirable technologies: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That in addressing issues of information
 3 technology and electronic commerce policy, the Congress
 4 must—

5 (1) focus on a broad spectrum of issues that
 6 are essential to the evolution and strength of the
 7 American information technology industry;

1 (2) ensure that it plays an enabling and not an
2 inhibiting role in supporting the movement of indus-
3 try and people into the Information Age;

4 (3) incorporate a principle of minimal and pre-
5 dictable government regulation; and

6 (4) refrain from acting in any capacity that
7 would enshrine or favor specific technologies or
8 standards.

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