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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that in order to continue aggressive growth in the Nation's telecommunications and technology industries, the United States Government should "Get Out of the Way and Stay Out of the Way".

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATTA submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the technology and communications industries in the United States have historically been some of the most competitive in the world and devoid of burdensome Government regulations;

Whereas the United States has over 102,000,000 fixed broadband connections;

Whereas wireless auctions are the reason the United States has over 253,000,000 wireless broadband connections;

Whereas public-private partnerships, like those piloted by organizations such as Connected Nation, have raised broadband subscription rates, especially in rural areas, by increasing both broadband supply and demand without having to rely on regulation;

Whereas deregulatory policies and free-market competition consistently yield a higher rate of economic growth, a greater standard of living for all Americans, and an enhanced capacity for the United States to be competitive in the global marketplace;

Whereas the digital age expands an individual's reach and ability to connect with family and friends, provides new and exciting educational opportunities, and expands a growing global economy, while simultaneously exposing an individual to a myriad of new threats such as identity theft and other methods of online victimization, and resulting in the increase of attempted criminal cyber attacks on businesses and communications networks; and

Whereas we should continually strive to advance this rapidly growing source of social and economic benefit to the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that in order to continue aggressive growth
3 in the Nation's telecommunications and technology indus-
4 tries, the United States Government should "Get Out of
5 the Way and Stay Out of the Way" by—

6 (1) promoting investment through deregulation
7 and free-market competition;

1 (2) making additional spectrum available for
2 commercial usage through unencumbered auctions,
3 reallocation of Federal spectrum, and efficient spec-
4 trum sharing;

5 (3) establishing a national goal of transmitting
6 high-quality, real-time voice, data, graphics, and
7 video at increasingly higher speeds to all people in
8 the United States, especially in rural and under-
9 served areas;

10 (4) ensuring individual privacy protections with-
11 out compromising marketplace efficiencies; and

12 (5) promoting cyber threat sharing for allowing
13 the private sector to actively defend their commu-
14 nications networks.

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