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6 URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE ALABAMA CONGRESSIONAL
7 DELEGATION TO SUPPORT FEDERAL PROGRAMS ENHANCING THE
8 DEVELOPMENT OF BROADBAND INTERNET IN RURAL AREAS OF THIS
9 STATE.

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11 WHEREAS, according to the Federal Communications
12 Commission Chairman, many rural Americans still lack access to
13 broadband Internet services; and

14 WHEREAS, thousands of Alabamians remain without
15 access to broadband Internet services; and

16 WHEREAS, in an effort to enhance affordable access
17 to broadband Internet, the federal government has implemented
18 certain initiatives to build out necessary infrastructure; and

19 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Agriculture
20 has recently announced that it will offer between 40 and 50
21 million dollars to rural carriers that invest in introducing
22 broadband Internet in rural areas; and

23 WHEREAS, it is imperative that Alabama capitalize
24 upon federal dollars to broaden Internet access in this state
25 to further allow Alabamians in rural areas to actively
26 participate in economic and civic life far beyond their
27 geographic region; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That by copy of this resolution to
3 each member of the Alabama Congressional Delegation, we hereby
4 urge delegation members to support Alabama's participation in
5 federal programs that enhance Internet access in rural areas
6 and to actively advance Alabama as a pilot state in federal
7 broadband Internet expansion programs.

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Patrick Harris
Secretary