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8 HONORING NATIONAL INVENTORS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE  
9 DR. VICTOR B. LAWRENCE FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

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11 WHEREAS, with great pleasure, we recognize and honor  
12 National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductee Dr. Victor B.  
13 Lawrence for his accomplishments; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence invented Signal Processing in  
15 Telecommunications, U.S. Patent Numbers 4,034,197 and  
16 4,213,187, and was inducted into the National Inventors Hall  
17 of Fame in 2016; he has improved transmission for the modern  
18 Internet, made high-speed connections more available, and  
19 stimulated the growth of the global Internet; in addition, he  
20 is an advocate of providing Internet access to less-fortunate  
21 countries; and

22 WHEREAS, born in Ghana, Dr. Lawrence holds a  
23 Bachelor of Science Degree, a Diploma of Imperial Science, and  
24 a Doctor of Philosophy Degree, each in Electrical Engineering,  
25 from The University of London; currently, he serves on the  
26 faculty of Stevens Institute of Technology; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence spent several years of his  
2           career at Bell Laboratories, where he improved telephone lines  
3           by making their connections faster and more reliable; also, he  
4           developed methods of including more information in a signal,  
5           among other accomplishments that he achieved at Bell  
6           Laboratories; and

7           WHEREAS, a leader and an inspiration to many, Dr.  
8           Lawrence has stated, "In life, you have to stand on someone's  
9           shoulders to see far. I hope my shoulders are strong enough  
10          for some of you to stand on to achieve greater things than I  
11          have"; now therefore,

12          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
13          THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That National Inventors Hall of  
14          Fame Inductee Dr. Victor B. Lawrence is warmly honored, and we  
15          hereby dedicate this resolution to him with utmost gratitude  
16          and admiration.