



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Consideration is being given to introducing a new  
3 overlay area code in the 217 region of the State; and

4 WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC)  
5 currently requires 11-digit dialing when an overlay area code  
6 is implemented; and

7 WHEREAS, The FCC's 11-digit dialing mandate is a needless  
8 inconvenience for residential and business consumers; and

9 WHEREAS, Residents in the 217 region would be able to  
10 continue dialing 7 digits for all local calls if the FCC were  
11 to change its policy on mandatory 11-digit dialing in an  
12 overlay situation; and

13 WHEREAS, The FCC's mandatory 11-digit dialing policy could  
14 soon affect all the residents of Illinois, as the phone  
15 industry claims that every area code in the State will be out  
16 of telephone numbers by 2007; and

17 WHEREAS, On December 29, 2001, the FCC reversed its  
18 long-standing opposition to wireless-only overlays, signaling  
19 that the agency is potentially reconsidering its area code  
20 policies; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
23 urge the Federal Communications Commission to grant a permanent  
24 waiver of the 11-digit dialing mandate for the 217 region and  
25 to change its policy on overlay area codes; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
27 delivered to the Chairman of the FCC, the Chairman of the  
28 Illinois Commerce Commission, and each member of the Illinois

1 congressional delegation.