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5 McCampbell, Beech, Knight, Chestnut, Drummond, Warren,
6 Coleman, Forte, Beckman, Baker, Shiver, Polizos, Jones,
7 Ledbetter, Buskey, Greer, Boothe, Clouse, Chesteen, Lee,
8 Lovvorn, Crawford, Martin, Gaston, Pringle, Davis, Rowe,
9 Nordgren, Collins, Whorton (I), Wadsworth, Scott, Hurst,
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11 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 URGING TELEVISION SERVICE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE ALL
4 ALABAMA CITIZENS WITH ACCESS TO NEWS AND TELEVISION
5 PROGRAMMING THAT ORIGINATES IN ALABAMA.
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7 WHEREAS, Alabama residents who live near the border
8 of a neighboring state often receive television programming
9 from the neighboring state and do not receive local news and
10 information important to Alabamians; and

11 WHEREAS, with the upcoming elections, potential
12 voters are not receiving vital information to make informed
13 decisions on election day; and

14 WHEREAS, instead of receiving weather alerts,
15 community announcements, and other public information relevant
16 to the Alabama community in which they live, Alabama residents
17 are receiving their news from Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, or
18 Mississippi; and

19 WHEREAS, it is especially crucial that Alabama
20 residents receive timely weather alerts when severe storms are
21 in their area, and if they are receiving their news and
22 weather alerts from a Georgia station the storm may have
23 already affected an Alabama community and moved into Georgia
24 before residents even receive warnings; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge television service
3 providers who serve Alabama residents to provide news and
4 television programming that is pertinent to the citizenship,
5 health and safety of all Alabama residents, by providing
6 access to local news stations originating in Alabama.

