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5 Drake, Howard, Alexander, Chesteen, Clouse, Ainsworth, Beech,  
6 Garrett, Ellis, Tuggle, Holmes (M), Brown, Fincher, Butler,  
7 Shedd, Greer, Boothe, Hollis, Lee, South, Sessions,  
8 Standridge, Weaver, Rowe, Fridy, Ball, Wood, Rich, Hanes,  
9 Mooney, Wadsworth, Rogers, Moore (M), Scott, Millican, Johnson  
10 (R), Hurst, Whorton (R), Whorton (I), Coleman, Martin,  
11 Jackson, Daniels, Harbison, Hill, Davis and Faust  
12 RFD: Rules  
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3           URGING LOCAL WIRELINE AND WIRELESS CARRIERS TO ADOPT  
4 METHODS TO TARGET AND ELIMINATE UNLAWFUL ROBOCALLS.  
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6           WHEREAS, on November 16, 2017, the Federal  
7 Communications Commission (FCC) adopted Report and Order CG  
8 Docket No. 17-59, an order and notice of proposed rulemaking  
9 on Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful  
10 Robocalls; this order authorizes telecommunications carriers  
11 to voluntarily block certain illegal incoming calls without  
12 violating the FCC's call completion rules; the FCC also  
13 encourages voice service providers to establish simple methods  
14 to identify and correct any blocking errors; and

15           WHEREAS, the new rule is designed, in part, to  
16 protect the public and combat certain scams and other harmful  
17 purposes advanced by the use of spoofing; it expressly  
18 authorizes telecommunications carriers to voluntarily employ  
19 advanced measures to block certain incoming calls without  
20 input from the customer; and

21           WHEREAS, certain incoming calls from numbers that  
22 are invalid, unallocated, or unused often result in fraud,  
23 identity theft, or other unlawful purposes; permitting the  
24 option of blocking illegal robocalls in certain, well-defined

1 circumstances is a practice that should be encouraged to  
2 protect the citizens of Alabama; and

3 WHEREAS, persons over 65 years of age are more  
4 vulnerable to identity theft and consumer fraud and are often  
5 the target of illegal robocalls; combatting illegal robocalls  
6 by enabling voice service providers to block certain calls  
7 before they reach consumers' phones requires no state funding  
8 and potentially can reduce unscrupulous, unethical, or illegal  
9 practices against the citizens of Alabama; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we expressly encourage all  
12 local wireline and wireless providers doing business in  
13 Alabama to fully adopt the "Advanced Methods to Target and  
14 Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls" as recommended in the FCC order  
15 for CG Docket No. 17-59, adopted on November 16, 2017.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we direct the Alabama  
17 Public Service Commission to monitor the status of the  
18 adoption of the FCC's recommendation by the Alabama wireline  
19 and wireless providers and to report to the Legislature by the  
20 fifth legislative day of the 2019 Regular Session regarding  
21 the status of this recommendation.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 08-MAR-18.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

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Senate

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27-MAR-18

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