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3 By Senators Singleton and Dial  
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8 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A2D, INC., FOR THE INTENDED  
9 DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADVANCED BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE  
10 STATE OF ALABAMA.

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12 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has determined that an  
13 advanced broadband infrastructure will expand the broadband  
14 capabilities of the state and is important to the future  
15 economic growth and development of the state; and

16 WHEREAS, the state has surveyed the broadband  
17 services that are being offered within the state and has  
18 concluded the existing infrastructure maintained by current  
19 service providers does not meet the universal broadband needs  
20 of the state; and

21 WHEREAS, the state recognizes the critical need for  
22 broadband services as defined by the Federal Communications  
23 Council's National Broadband Plan (FCCNBP); and

24 WHEREAS, the state seeks to encourage private  
25 enterprise development within the community to provide needed  
26 services, employment opportunities, and economic development  
27 from capable and sustainable resources; and

1                   WHEREAS, A2D, Inc., proposes to assist the state in  
2 the establishment of a neutral broadband system which will  
3 provide equal access to any and all broadband service  
4 providers who wish to serve residents of the State of Alabama;  
5 and

6                   WHEREAS, A2D, Inc., will design, build, and operate  
7 the proposed Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure which  
8 will operate as a public utility system; and

9                   WHEREAS, the system will utilize  
10 fiber-to-the-premises and wireless technology that exceeds the  
11 FCCNBP to deliver and make available a fiber optic connection  
12 to households, businesses, institutions, and other subscribers  
13 connected to the state's broadband infrastructure; and

14                   WHEREAS, A2D, Inc., proposes to serve as the private  
15 partner and network operator and to solicit service providers  
16 to interconnect with the broadband infrastructure to deliver  
17 broadband services to households, businesses, institutions,  
18 and other subscribers connected to the state's broadband  
19 infrastructure; now therefore,

20                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF  
21 ALABAMA, That the State of Alabama extends its support and  
22 encouragement to A2D, Inc., for the intended development of  
23 and successful implementation of an advanced broadband  
24 infrastructure within the state with the support of  
25 surrounding communities.

26                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the state agrees to  
27 enter into negotiations with A2D, Inc., for a period not to

1 exceed six months for the development of a comprehensive  
2 agreement which will establish the terms and conditions of any  
3 public-private partnership for the development of the proposed  
4 broadband infrastructure.