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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.