

House Resolution 1040

By: Representatives Mills of the 67th, Post 2, Richardson of the 26th, Forster of the 3rd, Post 1, Barnard of the 121st, Post 1, Knox of the 14th, Post 1, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to enact a permanent ban on Internet access taxes; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1998, Congress enacted and in 2001 extended the Internet Tax Freedom Act
4 in order to protect consumers who use the Internet and to encourage more individuals to
5 access the Internet; and

6 WHEREAS, the legislation eliminated taxes on Internet access, double taxation of a product
7 or service bought over the Internet, and discriminatory taxes that treated Internet purchases
8 differently from other types of sales; and

9 WHEREAS, the moratorium on Internet access taxes led to the rapid growth of the Internet,
10 which in turn brought good economic news; and

11 WHEREAS, we live in an age of innovation, where the medium of the Internet is sparking
12 a sharp increase in entrepreneurship and opportunity, the likes of which have not been seen
13 since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution; and

14 WHEREAS, enacting an Internet access tax will do significant damage to the United States
15 economy and decrease the standard of living for all Americans; and

16 WHEREAS, on September 17, 2003, the United States House of Representatives
17 unanimously passed a permanent ban on all Internet access taxes; however, when the bill
18 came to the Senate floor, pro-Internet tax Senators used parliamentary and other procedural
19 maneuvers to force supporters of the legislation into negotiations; and

20 WHEREAS, opponents of a tax-free Internet used the negotiations to stall and stop final
21 passage of a permanent ban on Internet access taxes in order to achieve their true desire and
22 tax the Internet.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the United States Congress is urged to enact a permanent and technologically neutral
3 extension of the Internet tax moratorium.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
6 congressional delegation.