

House Resolution 885

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the Attorney General of the United States and the Federal Communications
2 Commission to oppose the proposed merger of the only two satellite radio providers
3 operating in the United States; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, competition benefits consumers by lowering prices, increasing innovation, and
5 increasing responsiveness to consumer complaints; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a competitive market for satellite radio currently exists which benefits
7 consumers, musicians, and other entertainers; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the only two national satellite radio providers have proposed to merge into a
9 single government-sanctioned monopoly and such a merger will likely violate current
10 Federal Communications Commission rules; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the merger will result in consumers, musicians, and other entertainers being
12 subject to a single company with unlimited market power to impose anticompetitive terms,
13 conditions, and prices; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the combination of these two satellite radio companies will potentially restrict
15 programming, reduce diversity, and diminish creativity thereby resulting in a negative impact
16 to the public interest; and
- 17 WHEREAS, unquestionably, a government-sanctioned monopoly is harmful to consumers
18 and the public and should be avoided and denied.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body urge the Attorney General of the United States and the Federal
21 Communications Commission to disapprove of the proposed merger between the only two
22 national satellite radio companies.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the President of the United
3 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Attorney
4 General of the United States, the Federal Communications Commission, the Attorney
5 General for the State of Georgia, and to each member of the Georgia Congressional
6 Delegation.