

Senate Resolution 502

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th, Tillery of the 19th, Dugan of the 30th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the Congress of the United States and Federal Agencies to do all within their
2 powers to develop policies and funding sources to help bring high-speed broadband access
3 to Rural America; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, access to high-speed broadband is not available throughout the United States;
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6 WHEREAS, lack of high-speed broadband service occurs predominantly in Rural America;
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8 WHEREAS, success in the 21st century relies on access to high-speed broadband service,
9 whether for education, veteran services, telehealth, precision agriculture applications, or
10 simply enjoying entertainment in the same manner as urban Americans, broadband access
11 opens doors to opportunity and higher quality of life for rural Americans; and

12 WHEREAS, for many of Georgia's small businesses, high-speed broadband service has
13 become an essential service to access global markets, support innovation, and improve our
14 state's economic competitiveness and stability; and

15 WHEREAS, high-speed broadband service is critical to ensuring the public safety of our
16 communities by providing timely and accurate information on health and safety emergencies
17 to first responders and local governments.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 encourage the Congress of the United States and Federal Agencies to do all within their
20 powers to develop policies and funding sources to help bring high-speed broadband access
21 to Rural America.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
24 Congressional Delegation.