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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE FUNDING FOR BROADBAND  
INFRASTRUCTURE.

1           WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
2 authorized \$7,200,000,000 in federal stimulus grants to develop  
3 access to broadband telecommunication technology across the  
4 country; and

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6           WHEREAS, most states are leaving the infrastructure portion  
7 of the grant applications to the telecommunication service  
8 providers and are instead focusing on building interest in, and  
9 the future sustainability of, broadband telecommunication  
10 service; and

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12           WHEREAS, in rural areas of the country, many people do not  
13 have equal access to broadband and do not know what information  
14 and services are available by computer; and

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16           WHEREAS, distance learning technology can aid students in  
17 rural areas in advancing their educational needs, including  
18 advanced placement classes; and

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20           WHEREAS, broadband can expand telemedicine and remote  
21 monitoring networks to allow consumers access to healthcare  
22 regardless of location, including rural areas; and

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24           WHEREAS, an adequate broadband infrastructure is needed in  
25 providing telemedicine and making electronic health records  
26 usable; and

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28           WHEREAS, broadband promotes economic development and  
29 enables telecommuting, telemedicine, telepresence, distance  
30 learning, and e-commerce; and

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WHEREAS, broadband in rural communities enables the development of home businesses; and

WHEREAS, rural communities are negatively impacted by the lack of broadband services that could advance their educational, health, and economic capabilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, that this body requests and supports congressional and state funding for broadband infrastructure in rural areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, the Mayor and Council Chair of the County of Hawaii, the Mayor and Council Chair of the City and County of Honolulu, the Mayor and Council Chair of the County of Kauai, and the Mayor and Council Chair of the County of Maui.

*Offer* OFFERED BY: *Michelle Carroll*

*Della Apuletti* *By a joint resolution*

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