

RESOLUTION

Ensure Texans have access to basic local telephone service

A RESOLUTION TO: Ensure that all Texans in all areas of the State have access to basic local telephone service.

WHEREAS, access to basic local telephone service – the most vital and indispensable of all communications needs – is essential for all consumers, regardless of where they live, their financial situation, or whether they are disabled; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Universal Service Fund has been highly successful in meeting the longtime policy goal set by lawmakers of ensuring affordable, universal basic local telephone service for all Texas consumers across the state; and

WHEREAS, with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Texas Legislature now considering potential modifications to the Texas Universal Fund, the continuation of a robust, effective Texas Universal Service Fund is essential and a priority for the Texas Silver Haired Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature exercise great care and deliberation, including a thorough and up-to-date study of the costs associated with providing basic local telephone service across the state, before modifying or allowing any modification of the Texas Universal Service Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of September, 2006, by
The General Committee.

Maurice Osborn, Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2006, by
the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary