**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND DEMAND THAT THEY TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION AND ALL ADDITIONAL STEPS TO REQUIRE TELECOM COMPANIES TO LAUNCH AND ACTIVELY PURSUE TECHNOLOGY THAT RIDS OUR CITIZENS OF ILLEGAL ROBOCALLS AND SPOOFING.

Whereas, technology currently exists that would ensure that telephone calls are originating from secure, verified numbers, not spoofed sources, but additional landline processes need to be developed for caller authentication to prevent robocalls to landline telephones which often target elderly consumers; and

Whereas, a coalition of fifty one attorneys general, including South Carolina, has unveiled principles to fight illegal robocalls, and urged the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to encourage telecom companies to implement call blocking and call authentication solutions; and

Whereas, the citizens of South Carolina have been targeted and victimized from illegal robocalls originating outside our state borders limiting the enforcement reach of the South Carolina General Assembly; and

Whereas, federal statutory and regulatory measures can and must be implemented to stop illegal robocalls and spoofing; and

Whereas, the federal government has a duty to protect its citizens from outrageous illegal and harmful conduct and it is in recognition of this solemn duty that the people of South Carolina demand that Congress to take action to protect the well‑being of all people and to propose statutory and regulatory actions to accomplish that end. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, memorialize the United States Congress and demand that they take immediate action and all additional steps to require telecom companies to launch and actively pursue technology that rids our citizens of illegal robocalls and spoofing.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation.

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