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A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N

To urge the Congress of the United States to grant 1
additional authority to the Federal Communications 2
Commission to stop unwanted robocalls and "call 3
spoofing" and to urge the Commission to educate the 4
public on how to report illegal telephone calls. 5

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, Receipt of unwanted telephone calls is the most 6
frequent complaint received by the Federal Communications 7
Commission (FCC) from consumers nationwide. Unwanted calls 8
include automated telemarketing or solicitation calls that 9
deliver a recorded message, also known as robocalls; and 10

WHEREAS, Recently, these robocalls have been combined with 11
a process known as "spoofing" in which the call appears to 12
originate from a local, often legitimate, number to trick 13
consumers into answering the call. As technology continues to 14
evolve, the number of robocalls and spoofing continue to grow; 15
and 16

WHEREAS, Under the federal Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009, 17
individuals are prohibited from transmitting misleading or 18
inaccurate caller ID information with the intent to defraud, 19

cause harm, or wrongly obtain anything of value. Although the 20
FCC has initiated new policy initiatives to combat illegal 21
robocalls and ID spoofing, more needs to be done; and 22

WHEREAS, Congress should pass legislation to provide the 23
FCC with the tools and resources it needs to combat illegal and 24
disruptive robocalls; and 25

WHEREAS, The FCC encourages consumers to file a complaint 26
when an illegal call is received. Although the FCC uses social 27
media and the internet to reach consumers, the FCC should use 28
all means available to provide consumers with information needed 29
to file a complaint; now therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General 31
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United 32
States to grant additional authority to the Federal 33
Communications Commission allowing it to stop unwanted robocalls 34
and "call spoofing"; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General 36
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Federal Communications 37
Commission to educate the public on how to report illegal 38
telephone calls; and be it further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 40
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the 41
United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of 42
Representatives, each member of the Ohio Congressional 43
delegation, the chairman and commissioners of the Federal 44
Communications Commission, and the news media of Ohio. 45