

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Telephone Association are
2 gathering in Austin on February 28, 2023, to celebrate Texas Rural
3 Broadband Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1905, TTA represents the state's local
5 exchange telephone companies and relies heavily on the volunteer
6 efforts of its member officers and directors who provide voice and
7 data service to rural Texas; the association's 46 rural
8 telecommunications providers include telephone cooperatives, small
9 family-owned companies, and multistate operations; and

10 WHEREAS, Covering almost half of the Lone Star State's land
11 area and a large portion of the Texas-Mexico border, TTA member
12 companies serve some 1.4 million rural Texas households and 2,200
13 rural schools, colleges, government agencies, and other anchor
14 institutions; thousands of miles of fiber optic and wireline
15 facilities form the backbone of the rural Texas telecommunications
16 network, enabling voice and wireless calls, broadband, and a range
17 of additional advanced services; and

18 WHEREAS, TTA employs approximately 3,800 Texans in full-time
19 positions and creates thousands of jobs for contractors, materials
20 suppliers, and other rural Texas businesses; working tirelessly
21 during adversity, rural phone companies and their technicians have
22 helped ensure uninterrupted connections for rural Texans during the
23 challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; moreover, during Winter Storm
24 Uri in 2021, technicians braved dangerous conditions, often

1 traveling long distances to power remote switches with generators
2 and to check on the well-being of customers; and

3 WHEREAS, For well over a century, TTA has played an important
4 role in keeping rural Texans connected, and it is indeed a pleasure
5 to join in recognizing the association for its myriad
6 contributions; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2023, as Texas Rural
9 Broadband Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those
10 associated with the Texas Telephone Association sincere best wishes
11 for continued success; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for TTA as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
14 of Representatives.

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Allen	Guillen	Neave Criado
Allison	Harless	Noble
Anchía	Harris of Anderson	Oliverson
Anderson	Harris of Williamson	Ordaz
Ashby	Harrison	Orr
Bailes	Hayes	Ortega
Bell of Kaufman	Hefner	Patterson
Bell of Montgomery	Hernandez	Paul
Bernal	Herrero	Perez
Bhojani	Hinojosa	Plesa
Bonnen	Holland	Price
Bowers	Howard	Ramos
Bryant	Hull	Raney
Buckley	Hunter	Raymond
Bucy	Isaac	Reynolds
Bumgarner	Jetton	Rogers
Burns	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
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Cain	Jones of Dallas	Schaefer
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Clardy	King of Uvalde	Sherman, Sr.
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Cook	Kuempel	Slawson
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Cunningham	Landgraf	Spiller
Darby	Leach	Stucky
Davis	Leo-Wilson	Swanson
Dean	Longoria	Talarico
DeAyala	Lopez of Bexar	Tepper
Dorazio	Lopez of Cameron	Thierry
Dutton	Lozano	Thimesch
Flores	Lujan	Thompson of Brazoria
Frank	Manuel	Thompson of Harris
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Gamez	Martinez Fischer	Toth
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Gates	Meyer	Turner
Gerdes	Meza	VanDeaver
Geren	Moody	Vasut
Gervin-Hawkins	Morales of Harris	Vo
Goldman	Morales of Maverick	Walle
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Goodwin	Muñoz, Jr.	Zwiener

H.R. No. 412

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 412 was adopted by the House on February 28, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House