SENATE RESOLUTION 1994-8677

By Senator Sutherland

WHEREAS, Deployment of advanced telecommunications services, including digital broadband and wireless technologies, is a stimulus to economic development, in both urban and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Deployment of advanced telecommunications services creates needed jobs for the people of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Deployment of advanced telecommunications services provides improved educational services, expanded health care, improved public safety, decreased traffic and air pollution, more efficient government services, and other services to the people of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Deployment of advanced telecommunications services is enhanced by the existence of a favorable investment climate and ease of market entry; and

WHEREAS, Developing and maintaining an effectively competitive marketplace is the best way to ensure the availability of advanced telecommunications services at fair, just, and reasonable prices; and

WHEREAS, Effective competition results in a marketplace in which advanced telecommunications service providers are not subject to inequitable regulatory treatment; and

WHEREAS, Deployment of advanced telecommunications services to rural areas is dependent on a fair and equitable system of universal service subsidies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Washington State Senate that it shall be the goal of the state to promote deployment of advanced telecommunications services throughout Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it shall be the goal of the state to ensure the availability of the benefits of advanced telecommunications services to all the people of the state, regardless of income, place of residence, education, gender, age, or race; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate immediately transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Attorney General, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, the Department of Information Services, the Information Services Board, and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1994-8677, adopted by the Senate March 8, 1994.

MARTY BROWN Secretary of the Senate