

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives finds that it is in
3 the public interest that responses to citizens' requests for
4 emergency aid should be available at all times; and

5 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Illinois
6 has recognized the importance of cellular communications in
7 emergency situations by enacting the Wireless Emergency
8 Telephone Act, Public Act 91-660; and

9 WHEREAS, Emergency service providers utilize and rely
10 upon cellular communications to respond to citizens' requests
11 for emergency assistance; and

12 WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of this House that
13 in times of emergencies cellular networks can become
14 overloaded with the result that providers of emergency
15 services are deprived of communications resources necessary
16 to provide emergency services to the public; and

17 WHEREAS, The availability of adequate communications
18 resources for emergency service providers can be best assured
19 by action at the federal level; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we urge the Congress of the United States of America to enact
23 legislation requiring providers of cellular telephone service
24 to make priority access to cellular telephone service
25 available to emergency service providers in order to assure
26 its availability during public emergencies; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
28 delivered to the President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate,
29 the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and each
30 member of the Illinois congressional delegation.