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5 By: Representatives Maloch, Bolin, Bright, Chesterfield, Cowling, Edwards, Hardy, Harrelson, J.  
6 Hutchinson, Jeffrey, Key, Kidd, Mack, Maxwell, McDaniel, Pate, S. Prater, Rankin, Reep, Saunders,  
7 Sumpter, Thomason, Walters  
8 By: Senators Malone, Horn, G. Jeffress, J. Jeffress

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11 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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27 WHEREAS, the federal Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999  
28 permits satellite companies to provide local broadcast television signals to  
29 subscribers residing in a designated market area; and

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31 WHEREAS, satellite companies that provide local television service are  
32 required to provide their subscribers with all the local broadcast television  
33 signals assigned to their designated market area as defined by Nielsen Media  
34 Research; and

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36 WHEREAS, many Arkansans who reside in areas that border another state



1 are subscribers to satellite services that do not provide access to Arkansas  
2 broadcasts because designated market areas do not conform to state boundary  
3 lines; and

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5 WHEREAS, existing federal law prohibits satellite companies from  
6 broadcasting local network channels from outside a subscriber's designated  
7 market area; and

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9 WHEREAS, Arkansas subscribers in border areas that are assigned to  
10 designated market areas that provide out-of-state local broadcasts would  
11 benefit much more from Arkansas news and reports and programming concerning  
12 Arkansas governmental and cultural activities and events,

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14 NOW THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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18 That the House of Representatives of the Eighty-fifth General Assembly  
19 of the State of Arkansas requests that all members of the Arkansas  
20 congressional delegation support legislation that will enable all Arkansans  
21 subscribing to a satellite service to have access to local broadcasts from  
22 Arkansas television stations.

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, after its adoption, copies of this  
25 resolution shall be sent to the members of Arkansas' congressional delegation  
26 by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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