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HOUSE RESOLUTION

11 "FOR A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ENACTING
12 LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR COUNTYWIDE TOLL FREE
13 TELEPHONE SERVICE. "

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Subtitle

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21 WHEREAS, there are several counties in the state where telephone calls
22 from one area in the county to another area in the county are toll calls; and

23 WHEREAS, in the more rural areas of the state most residents of a
24 county must attend to business, buy groceries and supplies, see a doctor, buy
25 their prescription drugs and have various other everyday contact with offices,
26 businesses and individuals in the county seat and when all calls to the county
27 seat as well as some other areas in the county are toll calls, their telephone
28 service costs can become a serious financial burden; and

29 WHEREAS, some states have enacted legislation to mandate toll free
30 countywide telephone service in all counties whether a county is served by one
31 telephone company or two or more companies; and

32 WHEREAS, a study should be made to determine the feasibility of
33 enacting legislation to mandate countywide toll free telephone service in each
34 county in Arkansas and to determine the most practical method for funding and
35 implementing such service,

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1 NOW THEREFORE,
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. The appropriate interim committee or committees of the General Assembly shall make a study of the feasibility of enacting legislation to mandate countywide toll free telephone service in every county in the state.

Such study shall include a review of the various alternative methods of funding and implementing the countywide toll free service.

SECTION 2. The committee or committees shall report the findings and recommendations of the committee or committees, together with any proposed legislation to the Eighty-Third General Assembly.