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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Many deaf people across the United States use
3 Video Relay Service to communicate with both hearing and other
4 deaf individuals; and

5 WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission and its
6 staff is intent on drastically reducing VRS rates; the
7 potential cutbacks are so severe that some providers may choose
8 to stop providing VRS service; and

9 WHEREAS, The VRS rate is vital to the program in that the
10 revenue that is generated enables the program to serve more
11 deaf people, provide quality interpreter training programs to
12 ensure an adequate number of qualified interpreters for VRS and
13 the local Deaf communities, and provide service and technology
14 improvements to the people the program serves; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
17 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the FCC to maintain
18 current funding levels for the VRS program; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable of this resolution be presented
20 to FCC Chairman Kevin Martin and FCC Commissioners Jonathan
21 Adelstein, Michael Copps, Robert McDowell, and Deborah Tate.