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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68

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TELEVISION: Memorializes congress to require that satellite television providers broadcast local television stations

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to require
3	that satellite television providers broadcast local television stations.
4	WHEREAS, the satellite television industry has been a prevalent part of our society
5	due to the many advancements in technology; and
6	WHEREAS, satellite television provides consumers with a wide range of channels
7	and services; and
8	WHEREAS, local television stations are a vital and valuable source to their local
9	communities and surrounding areas; and
10	WHEREAS, some satellite television providers do not offer local stations to the local
11	communities; and
12	WHEREAS, the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999 (SHVIA) allowed
13	satellite subscribers to be able to receive local stations from their satellite television provider
14	using their satellite systems; and
15	WHEREAS, the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004
16	(SHVERA) expanded programming options to allow satellite television providers to offer
17	certain "significantly viewed" distant stations; and
18	WHEREAS, SHVIA and SHVERA do not require satellite television providers to
19	offer local stations but rather they permit satellite providers to offer "local-into-local"
20	service; and

1 WHEREAS, the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010 (STELA), 2 adopted as part of the American Workers, State, and Business Relief Act of 2010, 3 reauthorized the expiring statutory licenses that permit satellite providers to retransmit 4 broadcast stations to consumers and modernized and simplified the licenses, while making 5 adjustments that will encourage satellite providers to make more local content available; and 6 WHEREAS, local television stations serve their communities through public service, local news, entertaining programming, and vital community information such as AMBER 7 8 Alerts, emergency warnings, traffic information, and severe weather alerts; and 9 WHEREAS, it is vital that satellite television providers are required to offer these 10 local television stations. 11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 12 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to require that 13 satellite television providers broadcast local television stations. 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 15 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the 16 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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