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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Cox Communications for its Connect2Compete Internet-adoption program

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Cox Communications for its efforts in bridging the digital divide for low-
3 income families in communities throughout the state of Louisiana through its
4 Connect2Compete Internet-adoption program.

5 WHEREAS, approximately eighty percent of teachers assign online homework to
6 students; less than half of low-income kindergarten through twelfth grade students have
7 broadband at home, compared to more than ninety percent of higher-income families; and

8 WHEREAS, students who have access to a computer and broadband at home have
9 a significantly higher graduation rate than students without access to computers and
10 broadband; and

11 WHEREAS, thirty percent of Americans face the risk of becoming isolated because
12 of their lack of necessary internet skills and internet service; and

13 WHEREAS, students without broadband and digital skills are faced with obstacles
14 in the classroom and in the job market; and

15 WHEREAS, more than eighty percent of Fortune 500 companies require online job
16 applications and fifty percent of jobs in today's job market require technology skills; and

17 WHEREAS, Cox Communications, through its Connect2Compete Internet-adoption
18 program, has provided low-income families in Louisiana with the necessary tools to succeed
19 in today's world.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Cox Communications for its efforts in

1 bridging the digital divide for low-income families in communities through its
2 Connect2Compete Internet-adoption program.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
4 to Cox Communications.

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