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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1419
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Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 11, 2004

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING L.T. "BECK" COX, THE FIRST
2 PRESIDENT OF RANDOLPH TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION,
3 ON THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF RANDOLPH TELEPHONE
4 MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION.

5 Whereas, Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation was founded on
6 May 13, 1954, by residents of rural areas of Randolph, Chatham, and Moore Counties;
7 and

8 Whereas, L.T. "Beck" Cox was elected the first President of Randolph
9 Telephone Membership Corporation; and

10 Whereas, Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation was organized as a
11 member-owned cooperative to promote reliable local telecommunications service in
12 rural areas of central North Carolina; and

13 Whereas, Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation began operations in
14 1957 with 97 telephones in Farmer, North Carolina, extending service the next year to
15 High Falls and Bennett, and today has over 10,000 access lines in seven exchanges,
16 encompassing a large geographical area in central North Carolina, including: Badin
17 Lake, Bennett, Coleridge, Farmer, High Falls, Jackson Creek, and Pisgah; and

18 Whereas, since its formation, Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation
19 has supported advanced telephone services in high-cost rural areas of central North
20 Carolina that may otherwise have gone unserved; and

21 Whereas, Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation has been a leader in
22 introducing broadband service to its membership, ensuring that there is no "digital
23 divide" in the rural areas it serves; and

24 Whereas, Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation is an active
25 participant in improving the lives of its members through economic development and
26 educational initiatives in the seven counties where it provides services; and

27 Whereas, Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation plays an important
28 role in providing the technology infrastructure to support economic development in
29 rural central North Carolina; and

1 Whereas, Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation's directors,
2 managers, and staff have consistently remained involved in local community affairs and
3 charitable causes, improving the rural communities they serve; and

4 Whereas, it is only fitting that Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation
5 be commended for its 50 years of continuous service to the rural communities of central
6 North Carolina; Now, therefore,

7 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

8 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the life and memory of
9 L.T. "Beck" Cox and expresses appreciation for the contributions he made to Randolph
10 Telephone Membership Corporation.

11 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives recognizes the historical
12 accomplishments of Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation and congratulates
13 the cooperative on 50 years of dedicated commitment to serve the telecommunications
14 needs of the rural communities of central North Carolina, encouraging economic
15 development, education, and worthwhile charitable causes. The House of
16 Representatives further wishes to thank the directors, managers, and staff who have
17 contributed to the growth and development of this distinguished telephone cooperative
18 and extended the legacy of L.T. "Beck" Cox.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this
20 resolution to the President of Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation.

21 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.