

Reps. Byrum, Bauer, Ball, Opsommer, Calley, Rick Jones, Meadows, Terry Brown, Caul, Denby, Gonzales, Griffin, Horn, Kowall, Liss, Lori, Marleau, Mayes, Pearce, Rogers, Slavens, Spade, Stanley, Tyler and Valentine offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 231.**

A resolution to urge Google to select Mid-Michigan as a test market community for its proposed super high-speed broadband fiber network.

Whereas, Google is a technology company dedicated to organizing information and making it universally accessible to all. In February 2010, Google announced plans to build an experimental ultra high-speed broadband network in one or more U.S. municipalities with a minimum population of 50,000. The Google network will deliver Internet services at speeds 100 times faster than currently available to most households. The Internet service will be offered at competitive prices to the residents of the selected communities; and

Whereas, Mid-Michigan, is in a unique position to offer a technically advanced and varied community to Google as it builds and tests a high-speed network. Proximity to Michigan State University, the Sparrow Health System and Ingham Regional Medical Center, the state capital and businesses such as Jackson National Life and Auto Owner's Insurance would allow a true and rigorous test of the network's capabilities. Mid-Michigan provides a balance as an urban center, while having many rural, under-served, areas. High-speed Internet access would enhance and broaden the education system and provide the area's people with opportunities beyond their current school buildings; and

Whereas, Access to a next generation, high-speed Internet network will allow area educators, health care employees and technology firms to advance their programs and businesses. At a time when Michigan needs to attract new business and to transform its economy, Google's experimental network is ideal for our current needs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge Google to select Mid-Michigan as a test market community for its proposed super high-speed broadband fiber network; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Google, headquartered in Mountain View, California.