ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1061 By: Peltier, Adair, Adkins, Anthony, Askins, Bastin, Begley, Benson, Beutler, Blackburn, Bonny, Boyd (Betty), Boyd (Laura), Breckinridge, Bryant, Case, Claunch, Coleman, Cotner, Cox, Cozort, Crocker, Culver, Dank, Davis, Deutschendorf, Dunegan, Dunlap, Eddins, Ervin, Erwin, Ferguson, Fields, Glover, Graves, Gray, Greenwood, Hager, Hamilton, Hastings, Hefner, Hiett, Hilliard, Holt, Hutchison, Johnson, Key, Kinnamon, Kirby, Kouba, Langmacher, Leist, Maddux, Mass, Matlock, McCorkell, Miller, Mitchell, Morgan, O'Neal, Paulk, Perry, Pettigrew, Phillips, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Ramsey, Reese, Rhodes, Rice, Roach, Roberts, Ross, Sadler, Satterfield, Seikel, Settle, Smaligo, Smith (Bill), Smith (Dale), Staggs, Stanley, Steidley, Stites, Stottlemyre, Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Taylor, Thomas, Thornbrugh, Toure, Tyler, Vaughn, Voskuhl, Weaver, Webb, Weese, Wells and Worthen

A Resolution praising and commending the work of the staff of the Public Utility Division of the Corporation Commission on the local telephone competition rules; expressing thanks to the staff for their work; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1995, the Corporation Commission unanimously issued notice that it was preparing to make rules to govern competition in local telephone service in the state and directed the Public Utility Division Staff to proceed with a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to address local telephone competition as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utility Division Staff, under the leadership of Ernest G. Johnson, Director of the Public Utility Division, responded to the directive and for the next several months tirelessly worked at their task; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utility Division Staff following the filing of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, RM950000019, worked in excess of 1,000 hours in preparing the proposed rules for local telephone competition, which included many hours meeting with all of the interested parties and many late hours finalizing the rules; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary effort on the part of the Public Utility Division Staff produced a set of rules which are the first in the nation to implement the federal "Telecommunications Act of 1996", which was signed into law on February 8, 1996; and

WHEREAS, at the hearing to adopt the rules, the work product and diligence of the Public Utility Division Staff was lauded by all three Corporation Commissioners, telecommunications industry officials and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, because of the tremendous effort and dedication of the Public Utility Division Staff, Oklahoma can enjoy the benefits of a competitive telephone service market in the shortest possible time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the staff of the Public Utility Division of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission is hereby praised and commended for their superior work on the local telephone competition rules and for their service to the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby expresses it sincere thanks to the staff of the Public Utility Division for their hard work and dedication which reflects the work ethics of this state and sets an example for all Oklahomans.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Public Utility Division Staff, including Ernest G. Johnson, Director of the Public Utility Division, Elijah Abinah, Tish Coats, Larry Edmison, Ed Farrar, John Gray, Deborah Jacobson, Sheree King, Michele Krug, Becky Madole, Haeme Nam, Tommy Raulston, Larry Schroeder, Mindy Shalaby, Maribeth Snapp, Ronna Spitz, Cece Woods, Cori Young, and to Jay T. Edwards, General Administrator of the Corporation Commission, and Commissioners Cody Graves, Bob Anthony and Ed Apple.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 16th day of April, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives