



## 2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 96

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1     **Relating to:** encouraging the use of television white space technology to increase  
2             access to the Internet.

3             Whereas, 34 million Americans do not have access to broadband service at  
4     current federal minimum standards; and

5             Whereas, 23 million rural Americans lack access to broadband, including 1.6  
6     million Americans living on tribal lands; and

7             Whereas, the unused spectrum between broadcast television stations, known  
8     as television white space, represents a valuable opportunity to expand broadband in  
9     these areas of the country; and

10            Whereas, lack of access to broadband Internet means fewer educational and job  
11     opportunities as well as poor health outcomes; and

12            Whereas, television white space technology can deliver high-speed Internet  
13     that operates four times faster and reaches 16 times farther than Wi-Fi; and

14            Whereas, this technology operates at a frequency that can move through objects  
15     like hills and foliage; and

