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SIIA Hails Unanimous Passage of House Resolution Opposing International Internet Regulation

President Ken Wasch Applauds House for Acting to Defend Internet Freedom from Unnecessary Inter-governmental Control

Washington, D.C. (August 2, 2012) – Ken Wasch, president of the Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA), issued the following statement commending the bipartisan, unanimous House passage of a resolution (H. Con. Res. 127) opposing efforts to bring the Internet under unnecessary inter-governmental control:

“We applaud Senator Bono Mack (R-CA) and the bipartisan group of Representatives for defending the Web from control by intergovernmental bodies that could threaten Internet freedom. Expanding the control of Intergovernmental bodies could undermine international trade and access to the Internet for people around the globe. We believe it is vital to maintain a global Internet free from unnecessary international control and regulation.

“Of immediate concern are the misguided Internet governance proposals that several countries are seeking to have considered at the 2012 World Conference on International Telecommunications. These potentially harmful efforts could fundamentally and adversely alter the operation of the Internet. The multistakeholder model that governs the Internet today benefits all countries and all people, and must be maintained.”

About SIIA

The Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) is the principal trade association for the software and digital content industry. SIIA provides global services in government relations, business development, corporate education and intellectual property protection to more than 500 leading software and information companies.