THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 61 Session of 1991

INTRODUCED BY COLAFELLA, TRELLO, GEIST, BELARDI, GAMBLE, NOYE, VROON, MARKOSEK, LAWLESS, CAPPABIANCA, CLYMER, ARMSTRONG, SALOOM, BARLEY, SAURMAN, FAIRCHILD, COY, MICOZZIE, CIVERA, STABACK, J. TAYLOR, HALUSKA, HERSHEY, FARMER, JAMES, DeLUCA, HASAY, PRESTON, VEON, KRUSZEWSKI, KOSINSKI, OLASZ, R. C. WRIGHT, RICHARDSON, PESCI, BATTISTO, M. N. WRIGHT, MICHLOVIC, BUNT, HESS, PERZEL, PISTELLA, FARGO AND MELIO, APRIL 2, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, APRIL 2, 1991

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress and the Federal Communications Commission 2 to study the impact of sex and violence on television on our 3 young people and our nation. 4 WHEREAS, More and more sex and violence are appearing on 5 television; and 6 WHEREAS, Hardly an hour goes by that, on any given channel, 7 if a program itself does not have actors emoting sex, then advertisements appear for products, other shows or movies with 8 sex and violence as their central theme; and 9 10 WHEREAS, This constant barrage of sex scenes generally gives the impression that it is depicting normal home life and conduct 11 in our society; and 12 13 WHEREAS, This most certainly is weakening the moral fiber of 14 our society and is having a detrimental effect on young persons of impressionable ages; and 15

1 WHEREAS, While we appreciate the freedoms that we enjoy and 2 recognize the constitutional rights of others, it appears that 3 some measure of restraint would be beneficial to all of us; 4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize Congress and the Federal Communications Commission to undertake a cooperative 7 8 study of the impact of sex and violence on television on our young people and our nation, in order to determine the 9 feasibility of imposing some restraints, either by legislation 10 11 or by regulation, on the presentation of such material; and be 12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to 14 the presiding officers of each house of Congress, to each member 15 of Congress from Pennsylvania and to the Federal Communications 16 Commission.

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