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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the dangers of minors entering Internet chat rooms
2 and the need for parents and caregivers to properly supervise
3 the online activity of their children.

4 WHEREAS, The National Center for Missing and Exploited
5 Children (NCMEC) reports that many pedophiles pose as teenagers
6 in Internet chat rooms; and

7 WHEREAS, Predators often seek out lonely, troubled kids who
8 go online looking for a friend; and

9 WHEREAS, There have been a number of highly publicized cases
10 of abuse involving computers, but many of these cases go
11 unreported; and

12 WHEREAS, Parents and caregivers should take an active role in
13 their children's Internet activities and educate children about
14 the risks of Internet use; and

15 WHEREAS, Children must learn about the risk of revealing

1 identifying information to other individuals in an Internet chat
2 room; and

3 WHEREAS, Children must learn that participants in online
4 activities may not be who they seem and that information
5 exchanged or viewed online may not be true; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
7 dangers of minors entering Internet chat rooms and make a
8 concerted effort to raise awareness of the need to properly
9 educate our children about the risks associated with chat rooms
10 and the Internet in general.