
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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LEVDANSKY, MERRY AND BUNT, MARCH 16, 1988

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 21, 1988

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to direct the
2 United States Postal Service to require, through regulation,
3 that all pieces of mail containing sexually oriented material
4 shall have indicated on the outside of the mailing piece in a
5 prominent location that the mailing contains such material.

6 WHEREAS, Historically, the United States Postal Service has
7 been at the forefront of the Federal Government's efforts to
8 curb the distribution by mail of unlawful adult and child
9 pornography; and

10 WHEREAS, The Postal Service created an awareness campaign to
11 enlighten the American public as to how one can protect oneself
12 from receiving unsolicited and unwanted sexually oriented
13 advertisements (SOA) by mail; and

14 WHEREAS, The Federal law defines a "sexually oriented
15 advertisement" as any advertisement that depicts, in actual or
16 simulated form, or explicitly describes, in a predominantly

1 sexual context, human genitalia, any act of natural or unnatural
2 sexual intercourse, any act of sadism or masochism, or any other
3 erotic subject directly related to the foregoing; and

4 WHEREAS, Without an explicit marking on the outside of the
5 sexually oriented mailings, the incidence of minor children
6 opening or even coming in contact with such material will
7 continue to exceed acceptable levels; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
9 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the
10 United States to direct the United States Postal Service to
11 require, through regulation, that all pieces of mail containing
12 sexually oriented material shall contain on the outside of the
13 mailing piece, in a prominent location, an indication that the
14 mailing contains such material, as follows:

15 THIS MAILING CONTAINS SEXUALLY ORIENTED MATERIAL. YOU ARE
16 ADVISED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 39 UNITED STATES
17 CODE, SECTIONS 3008 AND 3010, YOU MAY CONTACT YOUR LOCAL
18 POST OFFICE TO PROHIBIT THE FUTURE DELIVERY OF SUCH MAIL
19 TO YOU.

20 ; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
22 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
23 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.