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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.