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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging parents to instill and monitor safe Internet practices by  
2 their children.

3 WHEREAS, More and more children are using computers and the  
4 Internet today for schoolwork, social interaction and play; and

5 WHEREAS, Unscrupulous predators, aware of Internet usage by  
6 children, are discovering and employing a myriad of ways to  
7 solicit interaction of all types with children; and

8 WHEREAS, Such interaction may appear innocent at first, but  
9 there are numerous situations known to the Office of Attorney  
10 General that demonstrate the potential for these interactions to  
11 become quite dangerous; and

12 WHEREAS, One in five children 10 to 17 years of age have been  
13 solicited online and, in 15% of those cases, the solicitor has  
14 attempted to meet the child in person; and

15 WHEREAS, The first line of defending these children lies with  
16 their parents; and

17 WHEREAS, Parents should learn the warning signs of dangerous

1 Internet use, such as:

2 (1) a child spends large amounts of time online,  
3 especially at night;

4 (2) a child turns off the computer quickly when a parent  
5 enters the room;

6 (3) a child becomes upset when a parent asks to see what  
7 he or she is doing online;

8 (4) a child receives mail or gifts from people the  
9 parent does not know; and

10 (5) a child uses an online account belonging to someone  
11 else;

12 and

13 WHEREAS, Parents should be assertive in reviewing safe  
14 Internet practices that their children should use and in  
15 substituting other suitable activities for their children rather  
16 than unnecessary Internet use; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge parents to  
18 instill and monitor safe Internet practices by their children.