

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, According to a sample survey of the nearly 24  
2 million school-aged children that were on-line regularly in 1999,  
3 roughly one in five received a sexual solicitation; remarkably,  
4 fewer than 10 percent of these sexual solicitations were ever  
5 reported to authorities; and

6           WHEREAS, Unfortunately, as the Internet has revolutionized  
7 access to information, sharing of ideas, and global communication,  
8 it also has provided a vast landscape for the machinations of sexual  
9 predators; the United States Customs Service reports there are an  
10 estimated 100,000 websites involved in some way with child  
11 pornography, and arrests, indictments, and convictions for  
12 possession of child pornography transported across borders have  
13 climbed steadily since 1992, doubling several times during the last  
14 10 years; and

15           WHEREAS, Among the websites charging users to view images of  
16 children in suggestive poses are those that have become known as  
17 exploitive child modeling sites; where legitimate child modeling  
18 websites market the talent of the model, exploitive child modeling  
19 features compromising visual depictions of children without a  
20 direct or even indirect purpose of marketing an actual product  
21 other than the images of the minor; and

22           WHEREAS, The anonymous nature of communicating through the  
23 Internet allows pedophiles to deceitfully contact and personally  
24 interact with these child models, providing opportunity to develop

1 on-line relationships and thereby increasing the chances of  
2 aggressive solicitations for meeting in person; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 70 percent of convicted pedophiles have  
4 accessed child pornography or exploitive child modeling websites as  
5 a means of sexual gratification, and the very operators of these  
6 sites, while defending their legitimacy, admit that pedophiles are  
7 likely frequent visitors; and

8 WHEREAS, Legislation is now before the 107th Congress that  
9 would protect children's opportunities to develop legitimate  
10 modeling careers and at the same time protect them from  
11 exploitation at the hands of website operators; now, therefore, be  
12 it

13 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
14 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to enact  
15 the Child Modeling Exploitation Prevention Act of 2002; and, be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
18 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
19 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the  
20 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the  
21 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this  
22 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a  
23 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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