

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 575

Supporting Internet safety awareness.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2000

Mr. GOODE (for himself and Mr. GOODLATTE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting Internet safety awareness.

Whereas the Internet provides citizens of the United States with the technology for research, education, entertainment, and communication;

Whereas millions of Americans, many school libraries and classrooms, and many public libraries are connected to the Internet;

Whereas more than 1 out of 5 missing 15- to 17-year-old teenagers have disappeared because of someone they met while chatting on the Internet;

Whereas there are an estimated 10,000 Internet websites designed for or by individuals who have a sexual preference for children;

Whereas there are an estimated 200 million pages of pornography, hate, violence, and abuse on the Internet;

Whereas there are multitudes of strangers who use the Internet to enter homes, talk to and “groom” children, and will take indecent advantages of those children if given a chance;

Whereas children have been raped, assaulted, kidnapped, and deprived of their innocence by individuals they met on the Internet; and

Whereas September 2000 is Internet Safety Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) urges the citizens of the United States to  
3       recognize and support educational programs that  
4       make surfing on the Internet safe and fun;

5               (2) supports initiatives to educate parents, chil-  
6       dren, educators, and community leaders about the  
7       enormous possibilities and the potential dangers of  
8       the Internet; and

9               (3) urges all Americans to become informed  
10       about the Internet and to support proactive efforts  
11       that will provide Internet safety for children and for  
12       future generations to come.

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