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S. RES. 294

Designating the month of October 2000 as “Children’s Internet Safety Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2000

Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself and Mr. McCAIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating the month of October 2000 as “Children’s Internet Safety Month”.

Whereas the Internet is one of the most effective tools available for purposes of education and research and gives children the means to make friends and freely communicate with peers and family anywhere in the world;

Whereas the new era of instant communication holds great promise for achieving better understanding of the world and providing the opportunity for creative inquiry;

Whereas it is vital to the well-being of children that the Internet offer an open and responsible environment to explore;

Whereas access to objectionable material, such as violent, obscene, or sexually explicit adult material may be received by a minor in unsolicited form;

Whereas there is a growing concern in all levels of society to protect children from objectionable material;

Whereas the technological option for parents or guardians to filter, block, or review objectionable Internet material is available and effective;

Whereas information on Internet filtering or blocking technology is unavailable to many parents or guardians; and

Whereas the Internet is a positive educational tool and should be seen in such a manner rather than as a vehicle for entities to make objectionable materials available to children: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates October 2000 as “Children’s
3 Internet Safety Month” and supports its official sta-
4 tus on the Nation’s promotional calendar; and

5 (2) supports parents and guardians in pro-
6 moting the creative development of children by en-
7 couraging the use of the Internet in a safe, positive
8 manner with the aid of Internet filtering and block-
9 ing technologies.

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