

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION encouraging the Congress of the United States to enact legislation protecting our children by establishing an exclusive Internet domain extension of ".xxx", and limiting the posting and dissemination of obscene or pornographic materials to the designated domain.

WHEREAS, in recent years there has been a proliferation of pornographic Web sites on the Internet; and

WHEREAS, pornographic Web sites are easily accessible by children who may be negatively impacted by the materials posted on the Web sites; and

WHEREAS, Congress has sought legislative solutions to this growing epidemic through the Children's Internet Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Internet Protection Act requires that schools and libraries that receive specified federal funding certify that they have in place an Internet safety policy that includes monitoring the use of Internet access by children, and implementation of technology that will filter out objectionable content; and

WHEREAS, despite the attempts at protection of children that are in place, attempts to limit children's access to adult content on the Internet through filtering software and on-line informational web sites designated by Internet service providers have been largely unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, the evolving of adult content production on the Internet has led to a situation in which legal standards regarding content can no longer be enforced effectively or affordably; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of our children and the entire nation to require operators of any Web site or on-line service whose primary business is making available material that is pornographic, obscene, or harmful to minors to register and operate the Web site or on-line service only under a domain specifically designated for pornographic or obscene materials; and

WHEREAS, the United States Internet Crime Task Force recommends the passage of federal legislation establishing a ".xxx: Internet domain extension for pornographic or obscene materials; and

WHEREAS, establishing an ".xxx" Internet domain to be used exclusively for pornographic or obscene content on the Internet would make it more feasible for internet service providers and software developers to effectively block access to this objectional content;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. That the Kentucky General Assembly hereby encourages the Congress of the United States of America to enact legislation protecting our children by establishing an exclusive Web domain extension of ".xxx", and limiting the posting and dissemination of obscene or pornographic materials to the designated domain.

Section 1. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of Kentucky's Congressional Delegation, and Mr. David J. Evangelista, The United States Internet Crime Task Force, Inc., Post Office Box 875, Radcliff, Kentucky 40159-0875