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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE RESOLUTION 1273

2 AMENDMENT NO. ____ . Amend Senate Resolution 1273 by
3 replacing everything after the heading with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, In light of the advances in technology and the
5 widespread accessibility of the Internet, pornography is more
6 readily available and easily accessible than at any time in
7 American history; and

8 WHEREAS, As reported in 2013, all of the pornography
9 websites on the Internet had more visitors that year than
10 Amazon, Netflix, and Twitter combined; and

11 WHEREAS, Pornography normalizes violence, particularly
12 against women and children; and

13 WHEREAS, This rise in the demand for pornography has
14 contributed to the human trafficking and the sexual

1 exploitation of both women and children around the world; and

2 WHEREAS, The women and children forced into producing
3 pornography against their will are often kidnapped, held
4 against their will, or are forced to continue producing
5 pornography out of fear, threats, and violence by the
6 traffickers; and

7 WHEREAS, The Internet has led to a dramatic increase in the
8 production of underground pornography or amateur pornography
9 that depicts more violent and illegal content, which is much
10 harder to regulate and catch the offenders; and

11 WHEREAS, Pornography equates torment and violence against
12 women and children with pleasure, increasing the demand for sex
13 trafficking, prostitution, child sexual abuse images, and
14 child pornography; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize that
17 pornography harms the State of Illinois and its citizens; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we recognize the need for education,
20 research, and policy change at the community and societal level
21 in order to address the epidemic that is harming the citizens

1 of Illinois and the country as a whole."