



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Reality television has become a popular part of  
3 broadcasting for all major networks; and

4 WHEREAS, On Wednesday, July 28, 2004, United Paramount  
5 Network will air the two-hour premiere of the television  
6 reality series "Amish in the City"; and

7 WHEREAS, Amish youth will be portrayed in the "rumspringa",  
8 a time when Amish people 16 years or older are allowed to break  
9 free from their roots to see the world and determine if they  
10 would choose to return to Amish culture; they will be depicted  
11 living in a home with other young people who are accustomed to  
12 "city life"; and

13 WHEREAS, While the First Amendment to the United States  
14 Constitution protects the right to free expression, caution  
15 should be exercised concerning the beliefs and practices of  
16 specific groups of people; the show "Amish in the City" appears  
17 to single out the beliefs and practices of the Amish as a  
18 source for humor and to belittle the Amish community;  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
22 express strong concern over the exploitation of the Amish  
23 community and religion as will be depicted in the program  
24 "Amish in the City"; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to  
26 the United Paramount Network.