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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Young people are equipped with the confidence,
3 intellectual capacity, and skills to explore the far reaches of
4 the Internet, yet lack the savvy they need to be safe and
5 protected from the Internet's many dangers; and

6 WHEREAS, Internet usage among young people is very
7 prevalent with modern society; 87 percent of young people ages
8 12 to 17 use the Internet; 20 percent of young people ages 10
9 to 17 have received unwanted sexual solicitations; of those, 75
10 percent who received a sexual solicitation did not tell a
11 parent; according to a recent study, 1 of 3 children admitted
12 that they considered meeting face-to-face with people they met
13 on the Internet; in January of 2007, 25 million people visited
14 the popular website MySpace; and

15 WHEREAS, In this modern age, parents have to keep
16 themselves up to date and educated with ever-changing
17 information to protect their children from getting into trouble
18 and away from danger on the Internet; and

19 WHEREAS, Unknowing of the potential dangers, teenagers
20 post personal information online, such as posting pictures
21 online or sending them to "friends" around the country; after
22 developing an online relationship with another person,

1 teenagers may consider that person a friend and give them phone
2 numbers, class or activity schedules, or other identifying
3 information, which could potentially lead to disastrous
4 outcomes; and

5 WHEREAS, Concerned parents throughout the State of
6 Illinois and the nation at large must encourage their children
7 to use the Internet in a safe and responsible manner and to be
8 aware of the dangers that present themselves with this powerful
9 and useful, yet hazardous, tool; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 designate the date of March 10, 2008 as Internet Safety
13 Awareness Day in the State of Illinois in recognition of the
14 increased danger associated with Internet predators.