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8 URGING TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY PROVIDERS TO EDUCATE THE
9 PUBLIC REGARDING ACCESS AND BLOCKAGE OF INAPPROPRIATE
10 MATERIAL.

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12 WHEREAS, pornography, solicitations for illegal
13 purposes, obscene material, and other inappropriate material
14 are openly available on the Internet through communication
15 devices readily accessible by anyone, including minors; and

16 WHEREAS, harm inflicted by transmitting
17 inappropriate material to minors is creating a public health
18 crisis that includes detrimental effects such as emotional,
19 mental, and medical illnesses; and

20 WHEREAS, the public health hazard created by minors
21 viewing inappropriate material on communication devices leads
22 to a broad spectrum of individual problems, public health
23 impacts, and societal harms; and

24 WHEREAS, inexpensive and no-cost methods are
25 available to filter or block the transmission of harmful
26 information on devices that provide Internet access; these

1 methods can be used by any individual desiring to control the
2 information available to a minor; and

3 WHEREAS, an on-going campaign by providers to inform
4 consumers about the harm inflicted, particularly to minors,
5 and how to filter or block harmful and inappropriate material
6 would be a beneficial public service; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we urge providers in the
9 technology industry to inform the general public regarding the
10 easy access of inappropriate material available on the
11 Internet and to educate adults on methods to filter or block
12 the transfer of inappropriate material on devices available
13 for use by minors.