

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 547

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Internet Safety Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DRIEHAUS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Internet Safety
Month”.

Whereas, during the 111th Congress, the House of Representatives has passed several bills aimed at protecting children online and promoting Internet safety education;

Whereas, on July 9, 2008, the House of Representatives passed H. Res. 1260 recognizing “National Internet Safety Month”;

Whereas, on May 22, 2008, the Senate passed S. Res. 567 designating June 2008 as “National Internet Safety Month”;

Whereas the Federal Trade Commission, in coordination with several other Federal agencies, maintains OnGuard Online, a Web-based resource to educate all Americans on Internet safety;

Whereas law enforcement, educators, community leaders, nonprofit organizations, and Internet service providers have sought to raise awareness for Internet safety across the United States;

Whereas America's youth will need to master the Internet to stay competitive in a global information economy;

Whereas there are more than 1,000,000,000 Internet users worldwide;

Whereas, in the United States, more than 35,000,000 children in kindergarten through grade 12 have Internet access;

Whereas 93 percent of children between 12 and 17 years old use the Internet;

Whereas more than half of all of online children between 12 and 17 years old use an online social networking site;

Whereas 43 percent of teens between 13 and 17 have experienced cyberbullying within the past year;

Whereas approximately 24 percent of students in grades 5 through 12 have hidden their online activities from their parents;

Whereas 61 percent of the students admit to using the Internet unsafely or inappropriately;

Whereas 68 percent of parents have household rules about what type of Internet sites their child can or cannot visit;

Whereas approximately 56 percent of parents feel that online bullying of children is an issue that needs to be addressed;

Whereas 65 percent of parents report that after their child has been on the Internet, they check to see what Web sites he or she viewed;

Whereas approximately 47 percent of parents feel that their ability to monitor and shelter their children from inappropriate material on the Internet is limited; and

Whereas approximately 61 percent of parents want to be more personally involved with Internet safety: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of “National
3 Internet Safety Month”;

4 (2) recognizes that “National Internet Safety
5 Month” provides the citizens of the United States
6 with an opportunity to learn more about the impor-
7 tance of being safe and responsible online;

8 (3) commends and recognizes national and com-
9 munity organizations for—

10 (A) promoting the safe use of the Internet;

11 and

12 (B) providing information and training
13 that develops critical thinking and decision
14 making skills that are needed to use the Inter-
15 net safely; and

16 (4) calls on parents, educators, Internet safety
17 organizations, law enforcement, community leaders,
18 Internet service providers, and volunteers to increase

- 1 their efforts to raise the level of awareness for the
- 2 need for online safety in the United States.

