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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On January 1, 1983, the Transmission Control
3 Protocol and Internet Protocol, or TCP/IP, was officially
4 adopted by the United States as a communication model that set
5 standards for how data could be transmitted between multiple
6 computer networks; this date is commonly recognized as the
7 birthday of the internet; and

8 WHEREAS, In December of 1990, the World Wide Web was
9 created by computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee, beginning a new
10 era of information sharing and communication that has touched
11 every aspect of human life and spread to every corner of the
12 globe; and

13 WHEREAS, Since 1990, the internet has benefited humanity
14 in many ways, including increased economic development,
15 increased communication between different people and cultures,
16 rapid transmission of new ideas, critical news, information,
17 and scientific breakthroughs, improved government services,
18 and expansion of educational opportunities; and

19 WHEREAS, Along with the innumerable benefits of the
20 internet, this invaluable tool has also been used by many to
21 bring harm, such as cyberattacks, ransomware, online threats
22 and intimidation, and the spread of misinformation, along with

1 great societal challenges such as increased social isolation,
2 decreased time outside and in nature, decreased in-person
3 interaction, and unhealthy distractions and addictions; and

4 WHEREAS, Our youth today have grown up alongside rapid
5 technological developments and have almost constant access to
6 the internet; this access has allowed our youth to experience
7 some of the great benefits of the internet but has also
8 resulted in our youth being highly vulnerable to the dangerous
9 and harmful aspects of the internet; and

10 WHEREAS, Our youth today are exposed to online
11 cyberbullying, misinformation, disturbing and psychologically
12 harmful content, misinformation, increased mental health
13 issues, addiction, and social isolation; these threats are
14 only growing as technology and internet use rapidly expands
15 and evolves in our modern technological age; and

16 WHEREAS, The State has a responsibility to provide for an
17 efficient system of high quality public educational
18 instructions and services; in providing this high quality
19 public education to all students, it is the policy of this
20 State to protect all Illinois residents, in particular our
21 youth, from deceptive and unsafe communications, online
22 threats and cyberbullying, online extortion, identity theft,
23 misinformation, and illicit activity online; and

1 WHEREAS, In order to protect our youth and prepare them
2 for a healthy, secure, and prosperous future, it is imperative
3 that our State's elementary and secondary school system
4 provide a high quality education to all students, parents, and
5 educators on online safety and legal and social repercussions
6 of illicit online behavior; and

7 WHEREAS, Organizations such as the Illinois Judges
8 Association have worked tirelessly to provide online safety
9 education directly to students, parents, and educators in
10 elementary and secondary schools; this education includes, but
11 is not limited to, preventing and reporting incidents of
12 cyberbullying, illicit activity, and unsafe behavior online
13 and the legal repercussions for illicit online actions;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the work
17 of organizations such as the Illinois Judges Association in
18 educating our youth, parents, and schools about remaining safe
19 and vigilant in the rapidly changing online environment of
20 today and seek to expand this essential online safety
21 education to all students, parents, and schools in our State;
22 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we recognize the value of collaboration
2 between elementary and secondary schools in Illinois and the
3 Illinois Judges Association, community organizations, and
4 similar entities to provide comprehensive online safety
5 education to all students, parents, and educators; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That we support school districts and
8 organizations in efforts to provide online safety to students,
9 parents, and educators of elementary and secondary schools in
10 Illinois; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
12 presented to the offices of the Governor, the Lieutenant
13 Governor, the Attorney General, the Illinois State Police, and
14 the Illinois Judges Association.