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HOUSE RESOLUTION 178

2           WHEREAS, The Internet "Momo Challenge" phenomenon has  
3 taken social media by storm as parents, school districts, and  
4 police authorities express deep concern that adolescents might  
5 be seeing a video on children's websites that encourages young  
6 people to commit acts of self-harm and suicide; and

7           WHEREAS, Over the past decade, videos and stories  
8 originating on the Internet have been linked to self-harm,  
9 suicide, and violence toward others; and

10           WHEREAS, Instances of depression and suicide among  
11 adolescents are on the rise, with some studies reporting that  
12 hospitalizations of suicidal teenagers have doubled in the past  
13 decade; and

14           WHEREAS, The developing brains of children and teenagers  
15 are sensitive to disturbing content and more susceptible to  
16 making quick, risky decisions than adults; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
18 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we urge video sharing services and all websites that cater to  
20 children to maintain stringent policies regarding the content  
21 that is posted by the public; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That we urge the aforementioned websites to do  
2 everything in their power to remove media that could be  
3 life-threatening to children and to help law enforcement  
4 officials locate the creators of this content if necessary; and  
5 be it further

6           RESOLVED, That we urge parents and legal guardians to  
7 always exercise caution when allowing children to access the  
8 Internet, as there is no guarantee that all the material they  
9 will be exposed to is safe regardless of whether they are using  
10 a website intended for children, and to identify and report  
11 harmful content to websites and video sharing services; and be  
12 it further

13           RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois General Assembly to  
14 increase awareness about Internet safety and to advance  
15 policies to keep children safe on the web.