

106TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 346

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that “Family Hour”, the time period between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m., should be set aside by the television industry for family-oriented programming.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 1999

Ms. BROWN of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Whereas in 1998, A.C. Nielsen Co. conducted a study of television viewing patterns of American families;

Whereas according to the study, American children watch an average of 3 to 4 hours of television daily;

Whereas American children between the ages of 2 and 11 watch 1,197 minutes of television per week;

Whereas 52 percent of children ages 5 to 17 have a television set in their bedroom;

Whereas American children will have seen 200,000 acts of violence on television by the age of 18;

Whereas parents spend only 38.5 minutes per week engaged in meaningful conversation with their children;

Whereas 80 percent of Hollywood executives believe there is a link between television violence and real life-violence;

Whereas television violence is a significant contributor to aggressive behavior among children;

Whereas violent content, foul language, and sexual content combined have risen almost 31 percent since November 1996; and

Whereas parental concern about sex and violence on television has never been higher than at present: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 3 resentatives that “Family Hour”, the time period between
 4 8 p.m. and 9 p.m., should be set aside by the television
 5 industry for family-oriented programming.

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