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S. RES. 486

Designating June 2006 as “National Internet Safety Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. VITTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. DEWINE) introduced the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating June 2006 as “National Internet Safety Month”.

Whereas, in the United States, more than 90 percent of children between the ages of 5 years old and 17 years old, or approximately 47,000,000 children, now use computers;

Whereas approximately 59 percent of children in that age group, or approximately 31,000,000 children, use the Internet;

Whereas approximately 26 percent of the children of the United States in grades 5 through 12 are online for more than 5 hours a week;

Whereas approximately 12 percent of those children spend more time online than they spend interacting with their friends;

Whereas approximately 53 percent of the children and teens of the United States like to be alone when “surfing” the Internet;

Whereas approximately 29 percent of those children believe that their parents would express concern, restrict their Internet use, or take away their computer if their parents knew which sites they visited while surfing on the Internet;

Whereas approximately 32 percent of the students of the United States in grades 5 through 12 feel that they have the skills to bypass protections offered by the installation of filtering software;

Whereas approximately 31 percent of the youths of the United States have visited an inappropriate website on the Internet;

Whereas approximately 18 percent of those children have visited an inappropriate website more than once;

Whereas approximately 51 percent of the students of the United States in grades 5 through 12 trust the individuals that they chat with on the Internet;

Whereas approximately 33 percent of the students of the United States in grades 5 through 12 have chatted on the Internet with an individual whom they have not met in person;

Whereas approximately 11.5 percent of those students have later met with a stranger with whom they chatted on the Internet;

Whereas approximately 39 percent of the youths of the United States in grades 5 through 12 have admitted to giving out their personal information, including their name, age, and gender, over the Internet; and

Whereas approximately 14 percent of those youths have received mean or threatening email while on the Internet: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates June 2006 as “National Internet
3 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—

7 (A) the dangers of the Internet; and

8 (B) the importance of being safe and re-
9 sponsible online;

10 (3) commends and recognizes national and com-
11 munity organizations for—

12 (A) promoting awareness of the dangers of
13 the Internet; and

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

18 (4) calls on Internet safety organizations, law
19 enforcement, educators, community leaders, parents,
20 and volunteers to increase their efforts to raise the

- 1 level of awareness for the need for online safety in
- 2 the United States.

