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6 By: Senator E. Williams

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ACCESSIBILITY OF PORNOGRAPHY HAS CREATED A PUBLIC
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*WHEREAS, pornography normalizes violence and abuse of women and
children by depicting rape and abuse as if such acts are harmless; and*

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*WHEREAS, due to advances in technology and the universal availability
of the internet, the average age of exposure to pornography is currently 11
to 12 years of age; and*

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*WHEREAS, exposure to pornography may serve as sex education for
children and youth and lead to the hypersexualization of teenagers and even
prepubescent children; and*

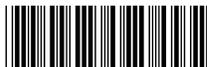
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WHEREAS, recent research indicates that pornography is potentially



1 *biologically addictive; and*

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3 *WHEREAS, pornography addiction can negatively affect brain development*
4 *and functioning and contribute to emotional problems such as low self-esteem*
5 *and body image disorders; and*

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7 *WHEREAS, early exposure to pornography can increase problematic sexual*
8 *activity at younger ages; and*

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10 *WHEREAS, pornography can increase the demand for prostitution and the*
11 *sex trafficking and slavery of children and young adults, primarily girls;*
12 *and*

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14 *WHEREAS, pornography use can be linked to lessening desire to marry,*
15 *dissatisfaction in marriage, and infidelity; and*

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17 *WHEREAS, this link demonstrates that pornography can have a detrimental*
18 *effect on the family unit; and*

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20 *WHEREAS, pornography is a multibillion-dollar industry, and its*
21 *influences are reaching the highest levels of society and government,*

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23 *NOW THEREFORE,*

24 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL*
25 *ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:*

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27 *THAT the House of Representatives recognize the public health crisis*
28 *created by pornography and the sexually toxic environment it perpetuates and*
29 *acknowledge the need for education, prevention, research, and policy change*
30 *at the community and societal levels in order to address the epidemic that is*
31 *harming the people of our state and our country as a whole.*

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33 *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate*
34 *copy be provided to the Director of the Department of Health by the Chief*
35 *Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

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