

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Friday, May 21, 2010

House Resolution No. 1099

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1099 - By: WESSELHOFT AND WRIGHT (JOHN) of the House.

A Resolution urging the Federal Communications Commission to protect children against assault of indecent television programming; urging Federal Communications Commission to adjudicate backlog of indecency complaints; and directing distribution.

1 WHEREAS, by the time a child is twelve years old, he or she will have witnessed  
2 more than 8,000 murders on television; and

3 WHEREAS, profanity is used often on television and cable shows; and

4 WHEREAS, hundreds of studies have shown that children can be negatively  
5 influenced by the media's depiction of sex, violence, and profanity; and

6 WHEREAS, the nation's indecency laws have been mandated by the United States  
7 Supreme Court; and

8 WHEREAS, when enforced, the indecency laws help protect children from  
9 gratuitous sex, excessive violence, and profane language; and

10 WHEREAS, a significant backlog of indecency complaints have been filed with the  
11 Federal Communications Commission that have not yet been adjudicated; and

12 WHEREAS, many of these indecency complaints were filed by Oklahoma residents;  
13 and

1           WHEREAS, many of these complaints were filed years ago and citizens deserve to  
2 have their complaints reviewed in a timely manner.

3           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA  
5 LEGISLATURE:

6           THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges the Federal Communications  
7 Commission to protect our nation’s children from the continuing assault of indecent  
8 television programming.

9           THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges the Federal Communications  
10 Commission to adjudicate the backlog of complaints concerning indecency in the  
11 entertainment industry.

12           THAT an official copy of this resolution be distributed to Ladona Sheets, Director of  
13 the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Parents Television Council.

14           DIRECT TO CALENDAR.