

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1099

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

15 WHEREAS, profanity is used often on television and cable shows;
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17 WHEREAS, hundreds of studies have shown that children can be
18 negatively influenced by the media's depiction of sex, violence, and
19 profanity; and

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

22 WHEREAS, when enforced, the indecency laws help protect children
23 from gratuitous sex, excessive violence, and profane language; and
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1 WHEREAS, a significant backlog of indecency complaints have been
2 filed with the Federal Communications Commission that have not yet
3 been adjudicated; and

4 WHEREAS, many of these indecency complaints were filed by
5 Oklahoma residents; and

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

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges the Federal
12 Communications Commission to protect our nation's children from the
13 continuing assault of indecent television programming.

14 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges the Federal
15 Communications Commission to adjudicate the backlog of complaints
16 concerning indecency in the entertainment industry.

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

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