By:  Swanson H.C.R. No. 126

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Each day, countless people are exposed to sexually explicit content through a wide range of media, and these consumers are often unaware of the health risks posed by such material; and

WHEREAS, Children are encountering pornography before their teens, and this early exposure may lead to low self-esteem and body image disorders and an increased desire to engage in risky sexual behavior; and

WHEREAS, Besides promoting unhealthy sexual expectations, the adult entertainment industry produces media that objectify women and children as well as depict rape and abuse; by associating violence with sexual gratification, these materials perpetuate the demand for sex trafficking, prostitution, child pornography, and sexual abuse images; and

WHEREAS, Pornography has also been linked to such detrimental health effects as brain development complications, emotional and medical afflictions, the inability to form and maintain intimate relationships, and sexual addiction; these dangers not only affect people on an individual level but also contribute to the degradation of the family unit, frequently leading to marital dissatisfaction and infidelity; and

WHEREAS, The ubiquity of pornography has resulted in a host of societal problems and potentially negative health effects, and it is of paramount importance that our leaders tackle this critical public health issue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby recognize that pornography is a public health hazard; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas recognize the need for education, prevention, research, and policy changes to address the harmful influence and consequences of pornography.