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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that parents should be provided clear, accurate, and useful information about the content of video programming so they can make informed decisions for their children.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. HAGEMAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that parents should be provided clear, accurate, and useful information about the content of video programming so they can make informed decisions for their children.

Whereas Congress has long recognized that parents should have timely and meaningful information about video programming that may be unsuitable for children and that ratings and parental-control tools should help families make informed viewing choices;

Whereas the current television ratings framework was developed for a broadcast-era marketplace and is now being

used across a fragmented video marketplace that includes broadcast, cable, streaming, and on-demand services;

Whereas some networks and producers have used programming for children to advance social messaging related to gender identity, including non-binary and transgender themes;

Whereas parents need ratings and content descriptions that are clear, consistent, and sufficiently specific to distinguish among different kinds of material and to inform household decisions in a streaming-first world;

Whereas content descriptions should be neutral, objective, and designed to inform parents rather than a substitute for parental judgment;

Whereas the body responsible for overseeing the ratings system should reflect not only industry participation but also meaningful representation of parents, child advocates, and other public interest stakeholders;

Whereas greater transparency, accountability, and public confidence in the ratings process would better serve families and strengthen the effectiveness of parental guidance tools; and

Whereas the Federal Communications Commission has an important role in advancing policies that empower parents and promote clear consumer information in the video marketplace: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) calls on the Federal Communications Com-
3 mission to encourage the development of a modern-
4 ized ratings framework that provides parents with
5 clear, accurate, and useful information across broad-

1 cast, cable, streaming, and on-demand video pro-
2 gramming;

3 (2) urges that such a framework include con-
4 tent descriptions that are neutral, objective, and suf-
5 ficiently specific to help parents distinguish among
6 material that may be relevant to the values and
7 choices of their families;

8 (3) calls on the Federal Communications Com-
9 mission to promote greater transparency and ac-
10 countability in the administration of the ratings sys-
11 tem so that parents can better understand how rat-
12 ings are assigned, reviewed, and challenged;

13 (4) urges that any oversight body responsible
14 for the ratings system include meaningful represen-
15 tation from parents, child advocacy organizations,
16 and other public interest stakeholders, in addition to
17 industry representatives;

18 (5) encourages the Federal Communications
19 Commission to support public awareness of parental
20 guidance tools, including rating-based controls, so
21 that families can make practical use of the informa-
22 tion provided; and

23 (6) recognizes that, to the extent additional
24 statutory authority may be necessary to advance

- 1 these goals, Congress should consider appropriate
- 2 legislative action.