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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

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CONGRESS. Memorializes Congress to support the #fixappratings initiative to deter children from downloading electronic applications (apps) that are harmful to minors.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To memorialize the Congress of the United States to support the #fixappratings initiative
3 calling for accurate, third-party application (app) ratings and intuitive parental
4 controls to better protect children from harmful online and mobile device content.

5 WHEREAS, millions of children use online and mobile devices daily; and

6 WHEREAS, parents rely on ratings to decide whether to allow their children to have
7 access to apps available online and on mobile devices; and

8 WHEREAS, app developers currently self-rate their apps and display the ratings in
9 app stores; and

10 WHEREAS, this rating system can be misleading, inconsistent, and does not
11 appropriately warn parents of the potential dangers found in applications; and

12 WHEREAS, no third-party organization holds app developers accountable to ensure
13 ratings are accurate and adequately explain the content and advertising available to children
14 therein; and

15 WHEREAS, popular apps often do not include or have adequate parental controls;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, apps can be hot spots for bullying, grooming, sex-trafficking,
18 pornography, glamorized self-harm content, and the buying and selling of illegal drugs; and

