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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 342

Introduced by Honorable Rodante D. Marcoleta

A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ADVERSE
EFFECTS OF CHARACTER-BASED VIDEO GAMES ON CHILDREN AND
PRESCRIBE COUNTERMEASURES TO CURB, IF NOT DISCOURAGE
YOUNGSTERS FROM ENGAGING IN SUCH CHARACTER-BASED VIDEO
GAMES

WHEREAS, a new study suggests that teenagers who play risk-glorifying, character-
based video games rated for mature audiences are more likely to act aggressively, drink
alcohol, smoke cigarettes and have unprotected sex;

WHEREAS, “character-based video games let people practice being someone else,
and practicing at being a character who is an antisocial deviant may have broad behavioral
consequences for kids,” the researchers conclude;

WHEREAS, lead author Jay Hull told Reuters Health that “Your moral compass is
warped as a consequence of practicing being a deviant character in these games, adding that
“If your kids are playing these games, it’s not a good sign of things to come”;

WHEREAS, the study suggests that game players may develop values consistent
with their deviant game characters and are more likely to act in a host of dangerous ways, not
just in the specific ways enacted in the games, said Hull, who is a social psychologist at
Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire;

WHEREAS, no one under 18 should have access to mature-rated games as they were
associated with changes in a wide range of high-risk behaviors;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Welfare of Children should prescribe
countermeasures in order to curb, if not discourage youngsters from engaging in such
character-based video games; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to direct the House Committee on
Welfare of Children to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the adverse effects of
character-based video games on children and prescribe countermeasures to curb, if not
discourage youngsters from engaging in such character-based video games.

Adopted,

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