

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 376

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Federal Trade Commission should investigate the publication of the video game “Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas” to determine if the publisher intentionally deceived the Entertainment Software Ratings Board to avoid an “Adults-Only” rating.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2005

Mr. UPTON (for himself and Mr. MARKEY) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Federal Trade Commission should investigate the publication of the video game “Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas” to determine if the publisher intentionally deceived the Entertainment Software Ratings Board to avoid an “Adults-Only” rating.

Whereas the video game “Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas” was given a rating of “Mature” by the Entertainment Software Ratings Board;

Whereas the game contains sexually explicit content that is accessible by consumers but that appears to have been hidden from the ratings board in order to avoid the game receiving an “Adults Only” rating;

Whereas the Entertainment Software Ratings Board took swift action in investigating the matter and revoked the “Mature” rating, ensuring any future sales of “Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas” will be under an “Adults Only” rating; and

Whereas the publisher of the video game, Rockstar Games, may have intentionally deceived the ratings board and consumers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) the Federal Trade Commission should in-
4 vestigate the publication of the video game “Grand
5 Theft Auto: San Andreas” to determine if the pub-
6 lisher, Rockstar Games, intentionally deceived the
7 Entertainment Software Ratings Board to avoid an
8 “Adults-Only” rating; and

9 (2) if the Commission determines Rockstar
10 Games to have committed such deception or fraud,
11 the Commission should apply the toughest of pen-
12 alties.

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