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S. RES. 212

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2005

Mr. BROWNBACK submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

RESOLUTION

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

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

Whereas the video game “Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas” contains sexually explicit content that consumers are able to access but that appears to have been hidden from the Entertainment Software Ratings Board in order to avoid a rating of “Adults Only”;

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

Whereas Rockstar Games, the publisher of the video game “Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas”, may have deceived the Entertainment Software Ratings Board and consumers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

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

8 (2) if the Federal Trade Commission deter-
9 mines that Rockstar Games committed such decep-
10 tion, the Commission should impose the maximum
11 penalty possible.

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