

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 99-1056

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CONCERNING THE INAPPROPRIATE RADIO COMMENTS OF HOWARD STERN, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUESTING DISCIPLINARY ACTION BE TAKEN AGAINST HOWARD STERN.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has been greatly touched by the tragedy that occurred at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999; and

WHEREAS, The state of Colorado and the nation have been shaken by the Columbine High School tragedy and have been grieving the senseless loss of life and talent; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Sixtysecond General Assembly recognize the importance of freedom of speech as a tenant to the dialogue that makes the United States great; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly also asserts that members of the media and broadcasting companies need to be accountable for the tasteless and inappropriate comments made during such a period of grief and devastation; and

WHEREAS, Personal responsibility is fundamental to the success of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Editorials from the *Rocky Mountain News* have reported comments made by Howard Stern to include:

- ! "There were, like really goodlooking girls running out with their hands over their heads."
- ! "Did those kids [the suspects] try to have sex with any of the goodlooking girls? They didn't even do that?"
- ! "At least if you're going to kill yourself and kill the kids, why wouldn't you have some sex?"
- ! "I mean, if I was going to kill some people, I'd take them out with sex."

WHEREAS, The general manager of the radio station KXPKFM (96.5) that aired the radio program in which Howard Stern made these comments, chastised Coloradans who called in to complain and indicated that 'they were looking for someone to attack'; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixtysecond General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

- (1) That the members of the Sixtysecond General Assembly of the state of Colorado request that Howard Stern be censured for his comments;
- (2) That Howard Stern and the general manager of KXPKFM (96.5) send a letter of apology to Columbine High School as a demonstration of their personal responsibility for their offensive and thoughtless comments; and
- (3) That Chancellor Media Corporation discontinue airing Howard Stern's radio program within Colorado and that KCNCTV (Channel 4) discontinue the broadcast of the "Howard Stern Radio Show".

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to Howard Stern, KXPKFM (96.5) radio station, KCNCTV (Channel 4), and the principal of Columbine High School.

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