

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 10

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**Whereas**, today 40 million credit cardholders are exposed to the risk of fraud by  
2 data thieves; and  
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**Whereas**, in 2005, a credit card processing company, CardSystems Solutions,  
4 improperly retained masses of data in vulnerable files and data thieves moved in, resulting in  
5 approximately 200,000 credit card accounts being reported stolen; and  
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**Whereas**, other incidents in 2005 included CitiFinancial disclosing that  
8 unencrypted computer tapes for 3.9 million customers were lost by a package deliverer and  
9 ChoicePoint, the nation's largest broker of personal information were the target of thieves who  
10 were easily able to buy the data of 145,000 consumers; and  
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**Whereas**, in the hands of thieves, consumer data becomes liquid assets and must  
13 be guarded as such by companies; and  
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**Whereas**, with California's passage of a law requiring notice to affected consumers,  
16 the entire nation became aware that consumers' assets and identities are increasingly at risk of  
17 fraud because of the remarkable success of data thieves  
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**Whereas**, several pieces of legislation have been introduced in the United States  
20 Congress, including a bill proposing a national requirement for consumer notification with civil  
21 penalties for negligent companies, and a comprehensive bill to begin regulating data merchants  
22 by requiring registration with the Federal Trade Commission and to impose stronger safeguards,  
23 stop the easy access to Social Security numbers, and help identity theft victims regain their fiscal  
24 balance:  
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26           **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
27 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
28 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to adopt a comprehensive federal law  
29 that protects consumer information from data thieves; and  
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31           **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
32 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each  
33 member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.