

House Concurrent Resolution No. 10

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, today 40 million credit cardholders are exposed to the risk of fraud by
2 data thieves; and

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4 **Whereas**, in 2005, a credit card processing company, CardSystems Solutions,
5 improperly retained masses of data in vulnerable files and data thieves moved in, resulting in
6 approximately 200,000 credit card accounts being reported stolen; and

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8 **Whereas**, other incidents in 2005 included CitiFinancial disclosing that
9 unencrypted computer tapes for 3.9 million customers were lost by a package deliverer and
10 ChoicePoint, the nation's largest broker of personal information were the target of thieves who
11 were easily able to buy the data of 145,000 consumers; and

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13 **Whereas**, in the hands of thieves, consumer data becomes liquid assets and must
14 be guarded as such by companies; and

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16 **Whereas**, with California's passage of a law requiring notice to affected consumers,
17 the entire nation became aware that consumers' assets and identities are increasingly at risk of
18 fraud because of the remarkable success of data thieves

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20 **Whereas**, several pieces of legislation have been introduced in the United States
21 Congress, including a bill proposing a national requirement for consumer notification with civil
22 penalties for negligent companies, and a comprehensive bill to begin regulating data merchants
23 by requiring registration with the Federal Trade Commission and to impose stronger safeguards,
24 stop the easy access to Social Security numbers, and help identity theft victims regain their fiscal
25 balance:

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27 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
28 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
29 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to adopt a comprehensive federal law
30 that protects consumer information from data thieves; and

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32 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
33 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each
34 member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.