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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6012

By Representative Kuether

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10 A RESOLUTION memorializing the Congress of the United States re-
11 garding the ongoing problem of identity theft.

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13 WHEREAS, In this technological age more and more citizens are vic-
14 tims of identity theft, an activity in which one individual obtains identi-
15 fying information about another person and uses it for the financial or
16 other benefit of the deceitful person. Such identifying information may
17 be a person's social security number, bank account numbers or credit
18 card numbers, or information of a personal nature such as date of birth,
19 current address and telephone number; and

20 WHEREAS, Identity theft ruins lives. People whose identities are sto-
21 len may be denied loans, housing, education, job opportunities and may
22 be arrested for crimes they did not commit; and

23 WHEREAS, A recent survey by the Federal Trade Commission found
24 that 4.6 percent of those surveyed had discovered they had been victims
25 of identify theft of some type, suggesting that in the past year nearly 10
26 million Americans found they were victims of identity theft. Unfortu-
27 nately, the victims of identity theft are required to spend considerable
28 time, money and emotional trauma to recover their identity; and

29 WHEREAS, The various state legislatures, with the assistance and
30 support of the National Conference of State Legislatures, are individually
31 addressing this insidious problem, as has the federal government. Indi-
32 viduals can be more protective of sensitive personal information, and the
33 states may increase penalties and prosecute more cases, but a national
34 initiative is required to abate this cancer in our technological environ-
35 ment: Now, therefore,

36 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kan-*
37 *sas:* That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to take all
38 necessary steps to reduce the incidents of identity theft; and

39 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Repre-
40 sentatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of
41 the United States, the President pro tem **and minority leader** of the
42 United States Senate, the Speaker **and minority leader** of the United
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- 1 States House of Representatives and to each member of the Kansas leg-
- 2 islative delegation.