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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6012**

As Amended by House Committee on
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

HR 6012 memorializes Congress of the ongoing problem of identity theft. According to the Resolution, the following points are occurring.

Identity theft is an activity whereby identifying information of an individual is obtained by another person and used for the financial or other benefit of the deceitful person. Identifying information can include a person's:

- ! social security number;
- ! bank account number;
- ! credit card numbers; and
- ! personal information, such as date of birth, current address, and telephone number.

Identity theft victims can have their life ruined by being denied:

- ! loans;
- ! housing;
- ! education;
- ! job opportunities;
- ! personal freedom if they are arrested for crimes they did not commit.

Considerable time, money, and emotional trauma are often expended by victims trying to recover from identity theft.

A national effort is needed to address the problem and take all necessary steps to reduce the incidents of identity theft.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Background

Representative Kuether appeared in support of the measure.