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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ADOLPH, RAYMOND, BARRAR, CIVERA, FARGO, READSHAW,  
RUBLEY, GEIST, LYNCH, ORIE, CURRY, OLASZ, HERSHEY, JAROLIN,  
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E. Z. TAYLOR, ITKIN, McNAUGHTON, TRELLO, PISTELLA AND  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, MAY 6, 1997

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1    Memorializing Congress to support legislation prohibiting access  
2        to Social Security numbers absent written consent.

3        WHEREAS, Advances in technology and communication have made  
4    access to information from many sources readily and easily  
5    available to countless parties worldwide; and

6        WHEREAS, The Social Security Administration and other  
7    agencies of the Federal Government collect and retain a vast  
8    amount of information regarding the finances of the citizens of  
9    the United States; and

10       WHEREAS, Information such as Social Security numbers, names  
11    and addresses, income levels and sources as well as other  
12    financial data has been used in the past to the detriment of our  
13    citizens, particularly older Americans; and

14       WHEREAS, Expanded access to the records of the Social  
15    Security Administration and other agencies of the Federal

1 Government will make it easier for this information to be  
2 misused to the detriment of our citizens and particularly our  
3 senior citizens; therefore be it

4       RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
5 memorialize Congress to support legislation that would prevent  
6 personal information retained by the Social Security  
7 Administration and other agencies of the Federal Government,  
8 including names, addresses, Social Security numbers, income  
9 levels, income sources and other financial data, from being  
10 accessed by the public by any means without the written consent  
11 of the individual identified in such data; and be it further

12       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
13 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of  
14 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from  
15 Pennsylvania.