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# H. RES. 902

Expressing support for the designation of January 28, 2010, as National  
Data Privacy Day.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEARNS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of January 28, 2010,  
as National Data Privacy Day.

Whereas the protection of the privacy of personal information  
has become a global imperative for governments, indus-  
try, civil society, and individuals;

Whereas advances in modern technology enhance everyone's  
lives by increasing the ability to communicate, learn,  
share, and produce, and strong efforts should be made to  
continue both the creation and the innovative use of such  
technologies;

Whereas the pervasive use of these modern technologies in ev-  
eryday life and in the workplace gives rise to the poten-  
tial compromise of personal data privacy if appropriate  
care is not taken to protect personal information;

Whereas a continuing examination and understanding of the ways in which personal information is collected, used, stored, shared, and managed in an increasingly networked world will contribute to the protection of personal privacy;

Whereas National Data Privacy Day constitutes an international collaboration and a nationwide and statewide effort to raise awareness about data privacy and the protection of personal information;

Whereas government officials from the United States, Canada, and Europe, privacy professionals, academic communities, legal scholars, representatives of international businesses and nonprofit organizations, and others with an interest in data privacy issues will be working together on National Data Privacy Day to further the discussion about data privacy and protection;

Whereas privacy professionals and educators are being encouraged to take time to discuss data privacy and protection issues with teens and young adults in high schools and universities across the country;

Whereas the second annual recognition of National Data Privacy Day will encourage more people nationwide to be aware of data privacy concerns and to take steps to protect their personal information; and

Whereas January 28, 2010, would be an appropriate day to designate as National Data Privacy Day: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2               (1) supports the designation of a National Data
- 3       Privacy Day;

1           (2) encourages State and local governments to  
2 observe the day with appropriate activities that pro-  
3 mote awareness of data privacy;

4           (3) encourages educators and privacy profes-  
5 sionals to discuss data privacy and protection issues  
6 with teens and young adults in high schools and uni-  
7 versities across the United States;

8           (4) encourages corporations to take steps to  
9 protect the privacy and security of the personal in-  
10 formation of their clients and consumers, to design  
11 data privacy protections into their products where  
12 possible, and to promote trust in technologies; and

13           (5) encourages individuals across the Nation to  
14 be aware of data privacy concerns and to take steps  
15 to protect their personal information.

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