

## House Resolution 1791

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the federal government to establish a national data protection authority; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, data has become more personal than ever before due to the tracking of  
4 biometrics, locations, and the faces and patterns of children and families, amounting to what  
5 is akin to data DNA; and

6 WHEREAS, such personal data is gathered by an increasing number of services and devices  
7 located throughout the country and the world; and

8 WHEREAS, all of this personal data is moved between market participants without the  
9 knowledge or consent of the individuals from whom the data was collected; and

10 WHEREAS, ensuring that data is handled safely, uniformly, and predictably once it is  
11 acquired from an individual would lead to consumer confidence and increased economic  
12 activity; and

13 WHEREAS, to instill such confidence in consumers there needs to be a unified approach to  
14 storing, handling, and transferring personal data at a scale and scope that no one state can  
15 accomplish; and

16 WHEREAS, a national data protection authority can ensure that:

- 17 (1) Transfers of personal data happen with the consent of the individual;
- 18 (2) Technical standards for safe data storage can be developed; and
- 19 (3) Entities which store and handle data do so in compliance with such standards; and

20 WHEREAS, in the absence of federal leadership in this area, states may be forced into  
21 action, including constitutional amendments and interstate compacts, to protect their citizens;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the existence of uniform standards will create certainty for data handlers who  
24 may benefit from liability shields for compliance with such standards, and such certainty will  
25 also stimulate economic activity.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body urge the federal government to address the issue of data privacy  
28 through the establishment of a national data protection authority.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
31 Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security and to each member of the  
32 Georgia congressional delegation.