

House Resolution 1613

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the federal government to address the issue of data security breaches and enact a
2 uniform national data breach law; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the number of reported data breach incidents in the United States hit a record
4 high in 2017 exposing at least 178,955,069 records involving personal identifiable
5 information; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2017, Equifax, a consumer credit reporting agency, experienced a disastrous
7 data breach resulting in the exposure of sensitive personal information of 143 million
8 American consumers and growing; and

9 WHEREAS, in June 2017, Deep Roots Analytics, a media firm, accidentally leaked more
10 than a terabyte of data stored on a publicly accessible server releasing personal information
11 about 198 million American citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, there are gaps in personal data protection due to conflicts between federal laws
13 such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, the Family Education Rights
14 and Privacy Act, and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act; and

15 WHEREAS, in the United States and its territories there are 52 different data breach laws
16 with varying definitions, requirements and procedure notifications resulting in an
17 inconsistency and lack of uniformity; and

18 WHEREAS, American citizens suffer from this uneven approach to regulating the protection
19 of personal data information; and

20 WHEREAS, in our connected society the widespread risk of data breaches exposing our
21 citizens to the threats of fraud, identity theft and financial harm continues to grow each year.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body urge the federal government to address the issue of data security
24 breaches and enact a uniform national data breach law.

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