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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108

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A Concurrent Resolution opposing the establishment of a
national identity database system by the United States
Congress.

WHEREAS, the importance of secure identification
credentials for all citizens of the United States has
been heightened due to the catastrophic events of
September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of
Transportation, under instructions from the United
States Congress, is expected to develop rules for
states to encode data onto driver's licenses that can
electronically store information; and

WHEREAS, the data collected would include, but not
be limited to, basic identifying information about the
license holder, and might also include biometric
information such as digital fingerprints, DNA data,
and retinal scans with links to other databases
containing an individual's most personal and private
records; and

WHEREAS, the data collection would lead to the
creation of a national identity database system on
every person residing in the United States and on

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1 every person entering the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, a national identity database system
3 increases the likelihood that intimate personal
4 information could be easily accessed by law
5 enforcement and other governmental agencies without a
6 person's knowledge; and

7 WHEREAS, we, as citizens of the United States and
8 citizens of Iowa, value our right to privacy and our
9 right to be free from unwarranted governmental
10 interference in our personal lives; and

11 WHEREAS, a national identity database system would
12 threaten the civil liberties that we, as citizens of
13 the United States and citizens of Iowa, have enjoyed
14 as members of a free society, and would increase the
15 control that government and business have over
16 everyday citizens; NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
18 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly
19 opposes the establishment of a national identity
20 database system by the United States Congress; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
22 resolution be sent to the President of the United
23 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House
24 of Representatives, and the members of Iowa's
25 congressional delegation.

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