

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Internet and related broadband technology  
2 connect more than 1.4 billion people worldwide, and while these  
3 advances provide unprecedented opportunities to share information  
4 and expand knowledge, they also raise serious data privacy issues;  
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6           WHEREAS, Many individuals are unaware of data protection and  
7 privacy laws and of steps that can be taken to help protect the  
8 privacy of personal information online; Data Privacy Day was first  
9 organized in January 2008 to promote awareness and generate  
10 discussion about data privacy practices and rights; and

11           WHEREAS, Privacy professionals, academics, legal scholars,  
12 business executives, and government officials from the United  
13 States, Canada, and Europe are working together again in January  
14 2009 to further the discussion about data privacy and protection;  
15 moreover, educators and privacy professionals are discussing data  
16 privacy and protection issues with young people in high schools  
17 across the country; and

18           WHEREAS, The information age has brought unimagined  
19 technological advances with an extraordinary capacity to collect,  
20 store, and share data, and understanding data privacy is the first  
21 step toward ensuring the privacy of personal information online;  
22 now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
24 Legislature hereby recognize January 28, 2009, as Data Privacy Day

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1 in Texas and encourage all Texans to learn more about data privacy  
2 and to take action to protect their personal information.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 187 was adopted by the House on  
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