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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6013

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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9 A RESOLUTION memorializing the Congress of the United States to 10 repeal the Real ID Act portion of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror and Tsunami 11 12 Relief, 2005. 13 14WHEREAS, Congress passed the Real ID Act as part of the Emer-15gency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on 16Terror and Tsunami Relief, 2005, which resulted in a law without hearings, testimony or public discussion; and 1718WHEREAS, The possibility of radio frequency identification tags be-19ing placed in national identification cards are a potential invasion of civil 20liberties and an infringement of the fundamental constitutional right of 21freedom of religion; and 22 WHEREAS, A national identification card would be required of all 23 citizens in order to enter any federal building, use mass transportation or legally drive on United States roads and highways. Such requirement 24 25would result in a potential violation of certain constitutional rights and 26 promote alienation of many children whose parents do not qualify for a 27 national identification card, further resulting in the exclusion of those citizens under the age of majority to receive and exercise their rights as 2829 afforded to all American citizens; and 30 WHEREAS, The state of Kansas would relinquish decision-making power on issues regarding highway safety, law enforcement effectiveness, 3132 state health benefits, state taxes and revenues as it pertains to residents 33 who do not qualify for a national identification card; and 34 WHEREAS, The state of Kansas would incur additional expenditures 35 associated with the implementation of the national identification card 36 through machine readable technology, increased training of Division of 37 Motor Vehicles employees, increased employee work hours and increased 38 financial burdens on Kansas' already stressed economy affecting all Kan-39 sas residents; and 40 WHEREAS, The Real ID Act places unreasonable demands on Division of Motor Vehicles personnel to meet the Department of Homeland 4142Security's May 2008 launch deadline to comply with requirements and

regulations that to date have yet to be announced by the Department of

1 Homeland Security; and

2 WHEREAS, No provisions have been announced for persons whose 3 identities must remain undisclosed as a matter of security to sustain op-

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4 eration or protection on a personal, local, state or national level; and

5 WHEREAS, The consolidation of so much personal information opens

6 significant avenues to further increase cyber crime, identity theft and the 7 sale of personal information by consolidating personal information in one 8 nationwide database; and

9 WHEREAS, The Real ID Act is discriminatory, in that several groups 10 of vulnerable individuals, including religious minorities, foreign-born in-11 dividuals and those individuals in asylum proceedings would suffer the 12 consequences of Division of Motor Vehicles decisions on legal status and 13 constitutional rights: Now, therefore,

14 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kan-15 sas: That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to repeal 16 the Real ID Act portion of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations 17 Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005; 18 and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Repre-sentatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President and

21 Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Rep-

22 resentatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, and each Senator and

23 Representative from Kansas in the Congress of the United States.