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1.1	A resolution
1.2	memorializing the President and Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act.
1.3	WHEREAS, the citizens of Minnesota recognize the Constitution of the United States as our
1.4	charter of liberty and that the Bill of Rights enshrines the fundamental and inalienable rights of
1.5	Americans, including the freedoms of privacy; and
1.6	WHEREAS, any new security measures of federal, state, and local governments should be
1.7	carefully designed and employed to enhance public safety without infringing on the civil liberties
1.8	and rights of innocent citizens of Minnesota and the United States; and
1.9	WHEREAS, the REAL ID Act of 2005 creates a national system that requires uniform
1.10	information to be placed on driver's licenses and identification cards, requires this information to
1.11	be machine readable in a standard format, and requires this card for any federal purpose including
1.12	air travel; and
1.13	WHEREAS, REAL ID is a costly unfunded mandate on the state; and
1.14	WHEREAS, REAL ID requires the creation of a massive public sector database containing
1.15	the driver's license information on every person with a REAL ID compliant driver's license or
1.16	identification card, accessible to every state motor vehicle employee; and
1.17	WHEREAS, the database is certain to contain numerous errors and false information, creating
1.18	significant hardship for Americans attempting to verify their identity in order to fly, open a bank
1.19	account, or perform any of the numerous functions required to live in the United States today; and
1.20	WHEREAS, REAL ID will enable the crime of identity theft by making the personal
1.21	information of each person with a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card,
1.22	including name, date of birth, gender, driver's license or identification card number, digital
1.23	photograph, address, and signature, accessible from tens of thousands of locations; and

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2.1	WHEREAS, REAL ID was passed without sufficient deliberation by Congress and never
2.2	received a hearing by any Congressional committee or any vote solely on its own merits; and
2.3	WHEREAS, REAL ID provides little security benefit and still leaves identification systems
2.4	open to insider fraud, counterfeit documentation, and database failures; and
2.5	WHEREAS, it is the policy of the citizens of Minnesota to oppose any portion of the REAL
2.6	ID Act that violates the rights and liberties guaranteed under the Minnesota Constitution or the
2.7	United States Constitution, including the Bill of Rights; NOW, THEREFORE,
2.8	BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the President
2.9	and the Congress of the United States to repeal the REAL ID Act.
2.10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of Minnesota is directed to prepare
2.11	copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President and Vice President of the United States,
2.12	Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary
2.13	of the United States Senate, the United States Secretary of State, Minnesota's Senators and

2.14 Representatives in Congress, and the Archivist of the United States.