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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 1512

Commending Google Inc. and other companies for advocating for an uncensored Internet, adhering to free speech principles, and keeping the Internet open for users worldwide.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 13, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York (for herself, Mr. INGLIS, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Mr. WELCH, Ms. KILROY, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. FOSTER, and Mr. WU) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

Commending Google Inc. and other companies for advocating for an uncensored Internet, adhering to free speech principles, and keeping the Internet open for users worldwide.

Whereas Google Inc. launched Chinese operations (Google.cn) in January 2006 with the intentions of bringing about increased access to information to the Chinese populace, knowing that it would need to carefully monitor conditions in China that would pose restrictions on its services, and believing that the benefits of its presence outweighed the company's censorship concerns at the time;

Whereas in December 2009, Google Inc. discovered a sophisticated and deliberate breach in its corporate infrastructure originating from China;

Whereas Google Inc., in the aftermath of the breach, has made a difficult decision to review its business operations in China in light of increasingly troubling trends in China that may threaten the ability to further free speech and the company's security on the Internet;

Whereas Google Inc. has purposefully made this breach public in order to expose the growing issue of censorship both in China and around the world;

Whereas Google Inc. has taken extraordinary steps to maintain freedom of speech in China despite a breakdown of dialogue between the Government of China and the company as a result of the December breach, including exploring novel ways to maintain their license in China while remaining true to their principles of an uncensored Internet;

Whereas while Google Inc. remains committed to providing an open and free Internet to the Chinese people, it may consider pulling out of China if it deems it no longer possible to provide an open and free Internet;

Whereas Go Daddy, the world's largest Internet domain registrar, citing similar concerns over free speech and cybersecurity, has decided to stop providing new address registration services for China's domestic domain; and

Whereas Google Inc., Yahoo Inc., Microsoft Corp., and other United States companies have led anti-censorship efforts and joined human rights organizations, socially responsible investors, and academics in January 2009 to establish the Global Network Initiative to lay out a detailed

set of principles and guidelines, which outline how companies and groups should respond to government censorship attempts or attempts by governments to request personally identifiable information of users: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports and commends Google Inc. and  
3 other companies for advocating for an uncensored  
4 Internet, adhering to free speech principles, and  
5 keeping the Internet open for users worldwide;

6               (2) encourages other companies and institutions  
7 to protect freedom of speech and monitor cybersecurity  
8 issues around the world by encouraging their  
9 participation in the Global Network Initiative, a  
10 model collaborative group that aims to promote free  
11 expression and protect privacy on the Internet; and

12              (3) calls on the President, Secretary of State,  
13 and the U.S. Trade Representative to make Internet  
14 access for lawful uses an important part of U.S. for-  
15 eign policy.

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