

SILVER ALERT NOTIFICATION NETWORK FOR MISSING ELDER CITIZENS

Whereas, elderly, vulnerable persons who leave home and become disoriented or confused, to the point they are unable to find their way back home, may end up either seriously ill or even dead before being found; and

Whereas, if public notice is promptly given that such a person is missing and the search is timely undertaken, the likelihood is far greater that the person will be found in time to avoid serious harm or death; and

Whereas, a Silver Alert network may be implemented without significant cost, merely by establishing the name and framework for the network at the National level, with encouragement to various interested organizations, such as the United Way, Area Agency on Aging offices, and others to publicize the program and work with local law enforcement, the media and other entities to timely launch and coordinate search and rescue efforts for missing elderly persons; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the National Silver Haired Congress urge the 111th United State Congress to establish a Silver Alert notification system for missing vulnerable senior citizens, similar to the Amber Alert for children in the PROTECT Act of 2003, so that law enforcement, news media, and the general public may be promptly notified and timely search and rescue may be undertaken when a vulnerable, disoriented elder person is discovered missing.

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