

RESOLUTION

State to Adopt “Silver Alert” Notification Network to Rescue Seniors

A RESOLUTION TO: Urge that a Silver Alert notification network be established for missing elderly citizens, similar to the Amber Alert that is in place for missing children.

WHEREAS: Too many nursing home or homebound elderly persons reach a point where they are no longer able to care for themselves outside their home and cannot find the way back home, and if they manage to wander off, may end up either seriously ill or even dead before located; and,

WHEREAS: If public notice that such a missing person is promptly broadcast and a 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 notification network may be implemented without cost to the state, merely by establishing the name and framework for the network, and leave it up to various interested organizations, such as the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, 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 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature establish a “Silver Alert” notification system whereby law enforcement entities, the news media, and the general public may be promptly notified when an incompetent elderly person is discovered to be missing, so that a timely search and rescue may be undertaken.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of September, 2006, by the Criminal Justice Committee.

Art Olson, Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of September, 2006, by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary