

By Senator Jones

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1 Senate Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
3 urging Congress to authorize the Silver Alert Grant
4 Program.

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6 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia
7 are characterized by the loss of the ability to reason, think,
8 and remember, and

9 WHEREAS, the National Institute on Aging has determined
10 that as many as 5 million Americans may be afflicted with
11 Alzheimer's disease, and

12 WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association estimates that more
13 than 60 percent of Americans who suffer from this affliction
14 will wander from the care of their loved ones in a confused and
15 distracted state, unable to find their way home, and

16 WHEREAS, several states have developed notification systems
17 patterned after the Amber Alert system that disseminate
18 information on missing senior citizens and other victims of
19 dementia-related disorders to law enforcement agencies, thereby
20 increasing the possibility that these victims will be rescued,
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the current financial recession has taken a toll
23 on state budgets making it difficult to underwrite the costs of
24 administering new notification programs, NOW, THEREFORE,

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26 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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28 That the Congress of the United States is requested to
29 authorize the Silver Alert Grant Program to help establish and

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30 improve state-administered notification systems that assist in
31 locating missing senior citizens and other individuals suffering
32 from dementia-related disorders.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
34 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
35 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
36 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
37 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.