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## 1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging  
3 Congress to authorize legislation to create a Silver Alert  
4 Grant 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 urged to pass  
29 | legislation creating a Silver Alert Grant Program to help  
30 | establish and improve state-administered notification systems  
31 | that assist in locating missing senior citizens and other  
32 | individuals suffering 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.