

House Resolution 414

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Urging local governing authorities, law enforcement agencies, and broadcasters to coordinate  
2 an alert system for missing disabled adults; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Levi's Call, Georgia's implementation of the "Amber Alert" program, was  
4 established in January of 2002, as a voluntary partnership between law enforcement,  
5 emergency management, and broadcasters to activate an urgent bulletin in child abduction  
6 cases; and

7 WHEREAS, Levi's Call has proven to be a popular and effective program in the state,  
8 helping locate children in desperate situations before tragedy occurs; and

9 WHEREAS, a similar program is needed to address the tragedy and heartbreak involved in  
10 the disappearance of disabled adults, especially older persons with dementia, who simply  
11 wander away from their care giver and are adrift in an uncaring world where many simply  
12 perish; and

13 WHEREAS, often such missing persons are at the end of a happy, productive, and caring life  
14 and deserve the protection of society, as nature has robbed them of being able to protect  
15 themselves; and

16 WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has established an exemplary alert program known as  
17 "Mattie's Call" which serves as a model for other jurisdictions to follow; and

18 WHEREAS, it is vital that each local jurisdiction establishes a "Mattie's Call" alert system  
19 which ties into all surrounding jurisdictions to create a seamless state-wide web.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
21 GEORGIA that the local governments, law enforcement agencies, and broadcasters of this  
22 state are encouraged to work together to establish an alert system for missing disabled adults.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to provide appropriate copies of this resolution to the public and the press.