

House Resolution 1709

By: Representative Teilhet of the 40<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Keep Georgia Safe and the Keep Georgia Safe Alert Network;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has three Emergency Alerts: Levi's Call, Georgia's  
4 AMBER Alert for missing or abducted children; Mattie's Call, an alert for missing elderly  
5 or disabled persons; and Kimberly's Call, a dangerous fugitive alert; and

6 WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to notify the public when a child has been abducted,  
7 an elderly or disabled person is missing, or a dangerous fugitive is at large; and

8 WHEREAS, Keep Georgia Safe operates the only alert network that sends all three of  
9 Georgia's emergency alerts issued by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to subscribers' cell  
10 phones and email free of charge; and

11 WHEREAS, the Keep Georgia Safe Alert Network is the most efficient way to alert the  
12 public to be on the look-out for a missing child, wandering elderly person, or dangerous  
13 fugitive; and

14 WHEREAS, time is of the essence when a child has been abducted, as 74% of abducted  
15 children that are killed are murdered within the first three hours of their abduction; and

16 WHEREAS, persons who join the Keep Georgia Safe Alert Network may play a vital role  
17 in the safe recovery of an abducted child, finding a wandering Alzheimer's patient, or helping  
18 the police locate a dangerous felon; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgians can join the Keep Georgia Safe Alert Network by simply visiting  
20 [keepgeorgiasafe.org](http://keepgeorgiasafe.org) and entering either a cell phone number or an email address in the text  
21 boxes provided on the home page; and

22 WHEREAS, the founder of Keep Georgia Safe, Gary Martin Hays, and the executive  
23 director, Mary Ellen Fulkus, address a great public need and unselfishly invest their time,  
24 talents, and resources to aid in the protection of Georgians; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine  
26 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately  
27 recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend Keep Georgia Safe and the Keep Georgia Safe Alert  
30 Network for working diligently to protect Georgians and help law enforcement recover  
31 missing children, lost elderly or disabled individuals, and dangerous fugitives.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the founder of Keep Georgia  
34 Safe, Gary Martin Hays, and Executive Director Mary Ellen Fulkus.