

## House Resolution 470

By: Representatives Tankersley of the 160<sup>th</sup>, Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Parsons of the 44<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending A Child Is Missing for its outstanding service in helping to  
2 secure the well-being of children, the elderly, and disabled citizens of the State of Georgia;  
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, A Child Is Missing is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1997 and based in Fort  
5 Lauderdale, Florida with the mission to provide assistance at no cost to law enforcement  
6 agencies throughout the country in the search for and recovery of missing children, the  
7 elderly, and mentally challenged and disabled persons; and

8 WHEREAS, the service provided by A Child Is Missing is a rapid response telephone system  
9 that alerts residents in a targeted area of a missing child, elderly person, or mentally  
10 challenged or disabled person, and it has the capability of making 1,000 calls in 60 seconds  
11 during the critical hours following a person's disappearance; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association,  
13 and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation have established an excellent partnership with A  
14 Child Is Missing in order to locate missing persons in a safe and timely manner; and

15 WHEREAS, children have been located in as little as five minutes, and the average location  
16 time of a missing child is 60 minutes; and

17 WHEREAS, A Child Is Missing has been involved in over 35,000 cases with over 56 million  
18 alert calls having been placed to assist law enforcement in finding children and the elderly  
19 in the past 15 years; and

20 WHEREAS, since 2001, there have been 1,149 cases worked in Georgia involving the  
21 assistance of A Child Is Missing, with a total of 1,780 alerts and 2,987,727 phone calls being  
22 made in an attempt to locate 1,279 missing persons; and

23 WHEREAS, there have been 1,551 officers trained in the State of Georgia from 204  
24 participating agencies, with 65 success stories to date; and

25 WHEREAS, A Child Is Missing has potentially saved the State of Georgia almost  
26 \$14 million by placing phone calls instead of sworn law enforcement officers having to go  
27 house to house; and

28 WHEREAS, A Child Is Missing has received more than 35,000 calls nation wide requesting  
29 assistance from law enforcement, and as of January, 2013, law enforcement agencies  
30 throughout the United States have credited A Child Is Missing with more than 1,500 safe  
31 assisted recoveries.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize A Child Is Missing for providing an invaluable service  
34 to the citizens of this state and commend its outstanding service.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the headquarters of A Child  
37 Is Missing.