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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,  
APRIL 2, 2003

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to pass a national  
2 Amber Alert system.

3 WHEREAS, Statistics show that 75% of all kidnapped children  
4 are murdered within three hours of their abduction; and

5 WHEREAS, Efficiency, breadth of coverage and speed are  
6 paramount to the success of finding kidnapped children under the  
7 Amber Alert system; and

8 WHEREAS, Only 39 states in the nation have an operating Amber  
9 Alert system; and

10 WHEREAS, The man charged with kidnapping Elizabeth Smart  
11 crossed state lines during the course of her captivity; and

12 WHEREAS, The recovery of Elizabeth Smart could have been  
13 aided by a nationwide Amber Alert system that broadens the scope

1 and success rate in abduction cases; and

2 WHEREAS, The Amber Alert system has already recovered 31  
3 children, and an even greater success rate can be achieved under  
4 a nationally guided system; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Senate has passed national Amber  
6 Alert legislation; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives has not  
8 acted on this important legislation; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge swift passage of this Federal  
11 legislation followed by program implementation that will aid in  
12 streamlining the myriad state systems already in place as well  
13 as providing coverage for those states currently without the  
14 Amber Alert system; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
16 the Congress for timely consideration and review.