

Reps. Sak, Accavitti, Acciavatti, Adamini, Clack, Daniels, Dennis, DeRossett, Farhat, Farrah, Garfield, Gielegghem, Gillard, Gleason, Hager, Hardman, Jamnick, Kooiman, Law, Lipsey, McConico, Meyer, Minore, Pappageorge, Pastor, Plakas, Rivet, Rocca, Sheltroun, Spade, Tobocman, Van Regenmorter, Waters, Wojno, Woodward, Woronchak and Zelenko offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 66.

A resolution to urge the Michigan Lottery Bureau to join the Amber Alert system.

Whereas, The Amber Alert system, a method of quick communication used to deal with child abductions, is predicated on getting notification of a missing child to as many people as possible as soon as possible. This strategy has helped many families in Michigan and other states. With this system, law enforcement personnel and desperate families have a far better chance to recover children before abduction turns to an irreversible tragedy; and

Whereas, The Amber Alert system focuses the public's attention on a case of a missing child in the first few hours. During this critical period, a few minutes' notice can literally be the difference between life and death. The Amber Alert concept relies heavily upon broadcast media to get the news and a description out to as many citizens as possible. This speed greatly enhances the chances of recovery of the child before something worse happens; and

Whereas, Several states are incorporating their lottery systems into the Amber Alert network. In Michigan, we have more than 9,000 licensed lottery retailers dealing with customers across the entire state. Utilizing the interconnectedness of lottery terminals to add the eyes and ears of thousands of customers and vendors immediately can only strengthen Michigan's response when a child and family most need help; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Commissioner of the Michigan Lottery Bureau to work with the Michigan State Police, the other members of the Amber Alert network, and the state's lottery retailers to create a program to incorporate the lottery system into the Amber Alert network; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Lottery Bureau Commissioner and to the Michigan State Police.