

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 138

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A RESOLUTION designating June 17, 2009, as “Missing and Unidentified Persons Awareness Day” in the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the sense of loss that comes with the unexplained disappearance of a loved one is incomprehensible to most people, and, upon realizing that an individual cannot be located, there is initial distress, growing concern for their safety, and a dread uncertainty regarding the circumstances of their disappearance; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Information Center data show that there were 1,312 persons listed as missing and 61 persons listed as unidentified in Tennessee as of November 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, many persons reported missing may be victims of Alzheimer’s disease or other health-related issues, or may be victims of foul play; and

WHEREAS, regardless of age or circumstances, all missing persons have families who need support and guidance to endure the days, months, or years they may spend searching for their missing loved ones; and

WHEREAS, it is important to applaud the committed efforts of families, law enforcement agencies, and concerned citizens who work to locate missing persons and to prevent all forms of victimization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that that this Body hereby designates June 17, 2009, as “Missing and Unidentified Persons Awareness Day” in the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage all citizens of the State of Tennessee to participate in its observance by observing the day with appropriate programs and activities and by supporting worthy initiatives and increased efforts to locate missing persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.