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Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the effectiveness of the AMBER plan in responding to child abductions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. CLINTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the effectiveness of the AMBER plan in responding to child abductions.

Whereas communities should implement an emergency alert plan such as the AMBER (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response) Plan to expedite the recovery of abducted children;

Whereas the AMBER Plan, a partnership between law enforcement agencies and media officials, assists law enforcement, parents, and local communities to respond immediately to the most serious child abduction cases;

Whereas just as in a storm emergency, when warnings are broadcast locally, under AMBER, radio and television stations, as a public service, interrupt programming with

a critical message from law enforcement regarding the description of a missing child;

Whereas the AMBER Plan was created in 1996 in memory of 9-year-old Amber Hagerman who was kidnapped and murdered in Arlington, Texas;

Whereas in response to community concern, the Association of Radio Managers with the assistance of area law enforcement in Arlington, Texas, created the AMBER Plan;

Whereas statistics from the Department of Justice show that 74 percent of kidnapped children who are later found murdered are killed within the first 3 hours of their abduction;

Whereas since the first few hours during which a child is missing are critical, the AMBER plan helps the community respond quickly;

Whereas since the first AMBER alert in 1997, AMBER plans have helped to recover 16 children throughout the country;

Whereas the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children endorses the AMBER Plan and is promoting the use of such emergency alert plans nationwide; and

Whereas the AMBER Plan is responsible for reuniting children with their searching parents: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the AMBER Plan is a powerful tool in
3 fighting child abductions; and

4 (2) the AMBER Plan should be used in com-
5 munities across the United States.

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