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3 By Representatives Coleman and Estes  
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8 URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO APPOINT  
9 A COORDINATOR FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASHANTI ALERT SYSTEM.  
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11 WHEREAS, on September 18, 2017, Ashanti Billie was  
12 abducted from a Virginia Naval base; she was too old for an  
13 Amber Alert to be issued and too young for a Silver Alert; and

14 WHEREAS, on October 23, 2019, Aniah Blanchard was  
15 abducted from a convenience store in Auburn, Alabama; she was  
16 also in the age range that does not allow for publication of a  
17 missing adult; and

18 WHEREAS, the Ashanti Alert was enacted by Congress  
19 to notify the public about critically missing adults aged  
20 18-64 years and is meant to fill the gap for missing and  
21 endangered adults who are not covered through the Amber or  
22 Silver Alert systems; and

23 WHEREAS, it is only proper that this nation honors  
24 the memory of those persons who have died due to the inability  
25 to report their critical missing status and of those who need  
26 protection, by appointing a coordinator or secretary to

1 establish and implement the protocol for states under the  
2 Ashanti Alert System; and

3 WHEREAS, if this protocol is implemented and put  
4 into practice, the Ashanti Alert System may serve to prevent  
5 tragic outcomes in Alabama and nationwide; now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body hereby respectfully  
8 urges the President of the United States to take necessary  
9 action to appoint a coordinator for the Ashanti Alert to  
10 establish and implement any federal policy in furtherance of  
11 ensuring the safety and security of all.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
13 resolution be provided to the President of the United States  
14 so that the strong sentiments of this body may be known.