

**2009 AOA HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

LETTER ASSIGNED: **A** TITLE: The Child Project™ and Senior Safety Net™ Identification System

SOURCE: Oklahoma Association of Optometric Physicians

STATUS: Referred to the House of Delegates

DATE: June 25, 2009 TIME: 10:30 am

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1 WHEREAS, Doctors of Optometry are trusted eye health care professionals who  
2 contribute many hours of voluntary service and civic involvement to the  
3 communities in which they live; and  
4 WHEREAS, according to the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children an  
5 estimated 2,000 children are reported missing in the United States every day;  
6 and  
7 WHEREAS, older Americans with conditions such as Alzheimer's disease are at risk of  
8 wandering away from home and may do so repeatedly; and  
9 WHEREAS, iris recognition biometric technology is a safe, accurate, and non-invasive  
10 method for identifying individuals throughout life because the iris is generally  
11 stable as one grows physically or ages; and  
12 WHEREAS, Doctors of Optometry can partner with community agencies and Sheriff's  
13 offices to bring iris recognition biometric technology to all 50 states and each  
14 county within the states with the goal of maximizing the number of persons  
15 entered into appropriate national secure databases to ensure that missing  
16 children and adults are easily and quickly identified; and  
17 WHEREAS, the Optometric Physicians of Oklahoma have been successful in promoting  
18 and expanding iris recognition biometric technology in their state; now  
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, that the American Optometric Association and its members support and  
21 encourage participation through collaboration with law enforcement and  
22 community organizations in iris recognition biometric technology as a means  
23 of positively impacting the safety of children and senior adults across  
24 America.

**THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED AS SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AS YOU  
CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION.**

**POSSIBLE FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** After consultation with the AOA Secretary/Treasurer,  
the potential cost to the AOA of this resolution, if adopted, would be approximately: none.