

Rep. Robert Jones offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 207.

A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to enact federal legislation designed to prevent elder abuse.

Whereas, The number of older Americans is increasing, and with it the problem of elder abuse and exploitation. Older Americans constitute a vulnerable population that often suffer physical and emotional abuse and can often be targets of identity theft and other fraudulent financial schemes; and

Whereas, In response to concerns about elder abuse, federal legislation has been introduced that would focus attention on this problem and promote an infrastructure at the federal, state, and local levels to protect these vulnerable Americans. The Elder Justice Act, S. 1070 and H.R. 1783, would assure that individuals and organizations on the front lines, who are fighting elder abuse, have the resources and information needed to carry out their fight; and

Whereas, This legislation would create a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach to protecting older Americans. The Elder Justice Act would improve research and data collection, enhance training of individuals who fight elder abuse, and promote the development of an effective adult fiduciary system, including an adult guardianship system. Among other things, this legislation would also create a short and long term strategic plan for the development and coordination of elder justice research, programs, and training; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to enact federal legislation designed to prevent elder abuse; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.