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3 By Senators Allen and Orr  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 RECOGNIZING TUSCALOOSA AS THE SECOND CAPITAL OF THE  
9 STATE OF ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, located along the Black Warrior River,  
12 Tuscaloosa was a crucial trading site for Native Americans  
13 long before European settlers arrived in the region; and

14 WHEREAS, Tuscaloosa was incorporated and made a  
15 county seat on December 13, 1819, one day before Alabama's  
16 admission as the 22nd state in the Union; and

17 WHEREAS, following a successful relocation vote in  
18 December 1825, state government commenced in Tuscaloosa on  
19 November 20, 1826, meeting in temporary facilities until a new  
20 capitol designed by noted architect William Nichols was  
21 completed for the 1829-30 session; and

22 WHEREAS, nine governors served the state from the  
23 capitol in Tuscaloosa through two decades of political change  
24 and economic challenges; and

25 WHEREAS, on January 28, 1846, following a referendum  
26 in which Alabamians voted to allow for the relocation of the  
27 capital, the legislature chose Montgomery as the new seat of

1 government over contenders which included Wetumpka, Mobile,  
2 Selma, and Huntsville; and

3 WHEREAS, Tuscaloosa has continued to serve as a  
4 vital hub for industry, commerce, and education; and

5 WHEREAS, Alabama is currently engaged in a  
6 commemoration of the bicentennial of statehood, a three-year  
7 celebration of the people, places, and events that form our  
8 rich history; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby recognize  
11 Tuscaloosa as the second capital of the State of Alabama.