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3       By Senators Allen and Orr  
4       RFD: Rules  
5       First Read: 16-JAN-18

RECOGNIZING TUSCALOOSA AS THE SECOND CAPITAL OF THE  
STATE OF ALABAMA.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on January 28, 1846, following a referendum  
in which Alabamians voted to allow for the relocation of the  
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.