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8 URGING CONGRESS TO REQUIRE RELOCATION OF
9 HEADQUARTERS OF FEDERAL AGENCIES TO VARIOUS STATES THROUGHOUT
10 THE MIDDLE OF THE COUNTRY.
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12 WHEREAS, currently, the headquarters of most federal
13 agencies are physically located in Washington, D.C.; the
14 residences of the personnel who work in these federal agencies
15 are near the Washington, D.C., area and, among other things,
16 the concentration of federal headquarters and personnel
17 creates a governing environment that is not in contact with
18 the very people it was created to serve; and

19 WHEREAS, the federal agencies headquartered in
20 Washington, D.C., are charged with serving the entire country
21 and all U.S. citizens; the personnel of those agencies may
22 have never seen Middle America, know very little of the
23 lifestyles there, and even less about the people living there;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, this concentration does not permit
2 interaction with the actual citizens of the United States; it
3 creates a common language circle of "Washington Speak"; and

4 WHEREAS, removing the headquarters of federal
5 agencies from Washington, D.C., and relocating the
6 headquarters of federal agencies to those states located in
7 Middle America, would dilute the concentration of government
8 agencies and services in one location, and place federal
9 headquarters in more central locations geographically closer
10 to the people and areas the agencies serve; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge the Congress of the
13 United States to enact legislation requiring the relocation of
14 the headquarters of federal agencies to locations outside of
15 Washington, D.C., and into central states scattered throughout
16 the United States.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
18 resolution be transmitted to the President of the United
19 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
20 Representatives, and the members of the Alabama congressional
21 delegation as an expression of the sentiment of the Alabama
22 Legislature.