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10 RFD: Rules

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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.