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3 By Representatives McLaughlin, Collier, Payne, Johnson,
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8 URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO FULLY FUND THE
9 RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

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11 WHEREAS, the Resource Conservation and Development
12 (RCD) Program is funded in the Natural Resources Conservation
13 Service (NRCS) budget of the United States Department of
14 Agriculture; and

15 WHEREAS, the RCD Program establishes RCD Councils
16 which are the leadership of locally led initiatives; and

17 WHEREAS, RCD Council members are volunteers and
18 include local, civil, appointed, and elected officials; and

19 WHEREAS, RCD Councils are non-profit entities which
20 meet otherwise unmet needs in local communities; and

21 WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2011 Administration Budget
22 eliminates the RCD Program; and

23 WHEREAS, the Alabama Senate recognizes the
24 invaluable service provided by RCD Councils and the important
25 role RCD Councils play in rural and urban development as well
26 as natural resource conservation; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge the U.S. Congress to
3 support full funding of the RCD Program in the 2011 fiscal
4 year budget and each fiscal year budget thereafter so that the
5 vital services of the Resource Conservation and Development
6 Program will continue.

7 RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this resolution be
8 provided to each member of the Alabama Congressional
9 Delegation as an indication of our strong sentiment and
10 commitment on this issue, and to specifically urge the
11 delegation to vigorously advocate this issue with their
12 Congressional colleagues.