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3 By Representative Wood
4 RFD: Rules
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8 URGING THE CURRENT OWNER OF THE KILBY HOUSE IN
9 ANNISTON, ALABAMA, TO SEEK TO HAVE IT RECOGNIZED AND
10 REGISTERED BY THE ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION ON THE ALABAMA
11 REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE.

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13 WHEREAS, the Kilby House in Anniston, Alabama, was
14 once the private residence of Governor Thomas E. Kilby, the
15 only Annistonian to serve as Governor of Alabama; after
16 serving as Mayor of Anniston, Kilby served as a State Senator
17 and was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1914; he served as
18 Governor of Alabama 1919-1923; and

19 WHEREAS, Governor Kilby moved to Anniston in 1887;
20 he retained his residence in the Kilby House until his death
21 in 1943; Mrs. Kilby continued to reside there until her death
22 in 1962; and

23 WHEREAS, the Anniston Board of Education acquired
24 property in the 1960s that contained the Kilby House and saved
25 the structure because of its connection to Anniston's only
26 Governor; although the interior of the house has been

1 compromised, the exterior of the house is still intact and a
2 fine example of Georgian revival architecture of the time; and

3 WHEREAS, among the uses of this property acquired by
4 the Anniston Board of Education is housing for the Cheaha
5 Creative Arts, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to
6 providing fine arts education to children and adults at an
7 affordable cost; and

8 WHEREAS, the Alabama Historical Commission records
9 show that the Kilby House was placed on the National Registry
10 of Historic Places on October 3, 1985; and

11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Historical Commission created
12 the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage as a way to
13 bring recognition to historic properties in Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, having the Kilby House in Anniston
15 officially recognized for its historical significance to the
16 people of Anniston and Alabama would encourage the
17 preservation efforts of the Kilby House and allow its use to
18 be increased; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we urge the current owner of
21 the Kilby House in Anniston, Alabama, to seek to have the
22 Kilby House placed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and
23 Heritage by following the steps provided by the Alabama
24 Historical Commission and that copies of this resolution be
25 transmitted to the Kilby House After-School Fine Arts Program
26 and the Alabama Historic Preservation Office of the Alabama
27 Historical Commission.

