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8 URGING CONGRESS TO FIX DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

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10 WHEREAS the history of changing clocks relative to
11 the sun for political reasons originated with Ben Franklin,
12 who proposed re-orienting the time to increase productivity as
13 an elaborate practical joke; and

14 WHEREAS the United States has used some version of
15 "Daylight Saving Time" since 1918 when it was rushed into
16 place as a wartime measure after Germany and then England
17 enacted a similar scheme; and

18 WHEREAS after World War I local jurisdictions had
19 some control over how they set their clocks until the passage
20 of the Uniform Time Act of 1966, at which point the Federal
21 Department of Transportation has had ultimate authority and
22 has turned down any efforts by state and local governments to
23 release themselves from time zone uniformity; and

24 WHEREAS uniformity among the 50 states is essential
25 for interstate commerce, even with Arizona and Hawaii being
26 granted a grandfathered exemption; and

1 WHEREAS "Daylight Saving Time" has proven highly
2 beneficial in the early spring, late fall and summer months
3 for health, commerce, recreation and much more, making it
4 highly popular among businesses and the general population;
5 and

6 WHEREAS the overwhelming conclusion of researchers
7 is that the act of changing the clocks twice per year is the
8 direct cause of deadly heart attacks, traffic accidents, and a
9 loss of productivity; and

10 WHEREAS researchers have determined that remaining
11 in Daylight Saving Time year round will save significant
12 amounts of energy in November and February and furthermore
13 will lead to a decrease in childhood obesity by increasing the
14 amount of sunlight after school hours; and

15 WHEREAS the rationale for switching clocks twice per
16 year to aid in the war effort – while based on faulty science
17 – was laudable nearly 100 years ago, all scientific research
18 and public sentiment now clearly favor remaining in Daylight
19 Saving Time year round; now, therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is the sentiment of this
22 legislative body and of the people represented by the Alabama
23 Legislature that the United States should change what is
24 currently "Daylight Saving Time" to the new "Standard Time"
25 and stay with that time year-round.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be
27 delivered to the legislative leaders in all of the other 49

1 states urging them to pass a resolution with essentially
2 similar wording.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be
4 delivered to the President of the United States, and the
5 Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation
6 urging them to allow all requesting states to switch to
7 permanent Daylight Saving Time at a uniform date to minimize
8 confusion and disruption to transportation and commerce, and
9 further to allow those states that have not passed this
10 resolution a chance to add themselves to the list of those
11 states endorsing this resolution to forever put an end to the
12 deadly, energy-wasting, productivity-killing twice-yearly
13 clock changing.