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HR\_\_\_\_\_ PROCLAIMING THAT ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS  
SUPPORTS ADMITTING WASHINGTON, D.C., INTO THE UNION AS A STATE  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WHEREAS, the people living on the land that would  
eventually be designated as the District of Columbia were  
provided the right to vote for representation in Congress when  
the United States Constitution was ratified in 1788; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the Organic Act of 1801 placed  
the District of Columbia under the exclusive authority of the  
United States Congress and abolished residents' right to vote  
for members of Congress and the President and Vice President  
of the United States; and

WHEREAS, residents of the District of Columbia were  
granted the right to vote for the President and Vice President  
through passage of the Twenty-third Amendment to the United  
States Constitution in 1961; and

WHEREAS, as of 2021, the U.S. Census Bureau data  
estimates that the District of Columbia's population at  
approximately 689,545 residents is comparable to the  
populations of Wyoming (576,851), Vermont (643,077), Alaska  
(733,391), and North Dakota (779,094); and



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26           WHEREAS, residents of the District of Columbia share all  
27 the responsibilities of United States citizenship, including  
28 paying more federal taxes than residents of 22 states, service  
29 on federal juries, and defending the United States as members  
30 of the United States armed forces in every war since the War  
31 for Independence, yet they are denied full representation in  
32 Congress; and

33           WHEREAS, the residents of the District of Columbia  
34 themselves have endorsed statehood for the District of  
35 Columbia and passed a district-wide referendum on November 8,  
36 2016, which favored statehood by 86 percent; and

37           WHEREAS, no other democratic nation denies the right of  
38 self-government, including participation in its national  
39 legislature, to the residents of its capital; and

40           WHEREAS, the residents of the District of Columbia lack  
41 full democracy, equality, and citizenship enjoyed by the  
42 residents of the 50 states; and

43           WHEREAS, the United States Congress repeatedly has  
44 interfered with the District of Columbia's limited self-  
45 government by enacting laws that affect the District of  
46 Columbia's expenditure of its locally raised revenue,  
47 including barring the usage of locally raised revenue, thus  
48 violating the fundamental principle that states and local  
49 governments are best suited to enact legislation that  
50 represents the will of their citizens; and



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51           WHEREAS, although the District of Columbia has passed  
52 consecutive balanced budgets since FY1997, it still faces the  
53 possibility of being shut down yearly because of Congressional  
54 deliberations over the federal budget; and

55           WHEREAS, District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes  
56 Norton and Delaware U.S. Senator Tom Carper introduced in the  
57 118th Congress H.R. 51 and S. 51, The Washington, D.C.  
58 Admission Act, that provides that the State of Washington,  
59 D.C., would have all the rights of citizenship as taxpaying  
60 American citizens, including two Senators and at least one  
61 House member; and

62           WHEREAS, the United Nations Human Rights Committee has  
63 called on the United States Congress to address the District  
64 of Columbia's lack of political equality, and the Organization  
65 of American States has declared the disenfranchisement of the  
66 District of Columbia residents a violation of its charter  
67 agreement, to which the United States is a signatory; now  
68 therefore,

69 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
70 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the State of Alabama supports  
71 admitting Washington, D.C., into the Union as a state of the  
72 United States of America.

73           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the United  
74 States Congress are urged to enact federal legislation  
75 granting statehood to the people of Washington, D.C.



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76           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution  
77   be sent to the President of the United States of America, the  
78   Vice President of the United States of America, the Speaker of  
79   the United States Congress, the President Pro Tempore of the  
80   United States Senate, and the members of the Alabama  
81   Congressional Delegation.