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8 URGING CONGRESS TO PERMANENTLY ADOPT DAYLIGHT SAVING
9 TIME.

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

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

19 WHEREAS, after World War I, local jurisdictions had
20 some control over how they set their clocks until the passage
21 of the Uniform Time Act of 1966, at which point the Federal
22 Department of Transportation was given ultimate authority; and

23 WHEREAS, Daylight Saving Time has proven highly
24 beneficial in the early spring, late fall, and summer months
25 for health, commerce, recreation, and much more, making it
26 highly popular among businesses and the general population;
27 and

1 WHEREAS, some researchers have concluded that the
2 act of changing the clocks twice per year is a cause of deadly
3 heart attacks, traffic accidents, and a loss of productivity;
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5 WHEREAS, some researchers have determined that
6 remaining in Daylight Saving Time year round will save
7 significant amounts of energy in November and February and
8 furthermore will lead to a decrease in childhood obesity by
9 increasing the amount of sunlight after school hours; and

10 WHEREAS, although the rationale for switching clocks
11 twice per year to aid in the war effort, while based on faulty
12 science, was laudable nearly 100 years ago, much of the
13 scientific research and public sentiment now favor remaining
14 in Daylight Saving Time year round; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is the sentiment of this
17 legislative body and of the people represented by the Alabama
18 Legislature that the United States should permanently adopt
19 what is now Daylight Saving Time as the new standard for time
20 in the United States year round.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be
22 delivered to the legislative leaders in all of the other 49
23 states urging them to pass a resolution with essentially
24 similar wording.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be
26 delivered to the President of the United States, and the
27 Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation

1 urging them to allow all requesting states to switch to
2 permanent Daylight Saving Time at a uniform date to minimize
3 confusion and disruption to transportation and commerce, and
4 further to allow those states that have not passed this
5 resolution a chance to add themselves to the list of those
6 states endorsing this resolution to forever put an end to the
7 deadly, energy-wasting, productivity-killing, twice-yearly
8 changing of time.