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# H. RES. 38

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 10, 2017

Mr. CHAFFETZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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# RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that offices attached to the seat of Government should not be required to exercise their offices in the District of Columbia.

Whereas section 72 of title 4, United States Code, requires all offices attached to the seat of Government to be exercised in the District of Columbia;

Whereas with the development of modern communication technologies and the increased ease of travel, Federal agencies are able to perform their duties from areas outside the District of Columbia;

Whereas based on the information collected by the 2010 United States Census, there is a correlation between the centralization of Federal agencies in the District of Columbia and the median income of the metropolitan area of the District of Columbia, which is higher than the median income of the United States;

Whereas Federal agencies employ thousands of individuals and provide jobs and economic benefits to the areas in which the agencies are located;

Whereas the focus of many Federal agencies involves industries located in areas across the United States and outside the District of Columbia; and

Whereas the impact of regulations can be perceived more easily by those individuals who are proximate to the affected industries: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2           (1) recognizes that it is no longer necessary for  
3       all Federal agencies to be located in the District of  
4       Columbia;

5           (2) determines that Executive agencies, as defined in section 105 of title 5, United States Code,  
6       and military departments, as defined in section 102  
7       of such title, should be relocated outside the District  
8       of Columbia; and  
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10          (3) calls on the head of each Executive agency  
11       and military department to recommend appropriate  
12       alternate locations throughout the United States to

- 1 which their respective agency or military department
- 2 can be relocated.

