

## Senate Resolution 139

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th and McKoon of the 29th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting that Congress reexamine the United States Postal Service's initiative to conduct  
2 Area Mail Processing studies; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of several members of the Senate that the United  
4 States Postal Service (USPS) has served notice of its intent to conduct Area Mail Processing  
5 (AMP) studies to investigate the feasibility of consolidated mail processing services  
6 throughout the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, one such AMP study would evaluate the impact of consolidating the services  
8 provided at the Columbus, Georgia, Customer Service Mail Processing Center into the  
9 Montgomery, Alabama, operation; and

10 WHEREAS, the closure of the facility located in Columbus, Georgia, would result in the loss  
11 of more than 50 jobs, each with average salaries of \$60,000.00; and

12 WHEREAS, in order to make the studied closures feasible, the USPS has proposed changes  
13 to the service standards set forth in 39 C.F.R. Part 121 to eliminate the expectation of  
14 overnight service for first-class mail and periodicals, to reduce the two-day delivery range  
15 of these classes of mail, and to enlarge the three-day delivery range; and

16 WHEREAS, the members of this body recognize that it is the responsibility of local  
17 congressional delegations to protect both the quality of postal service and the jobs that have  
18 been earned and secured by citizens across the United States.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
20 request that further inquiries be made into the matter, that moratoriums be sought by local  
21 congressional delegations against USPS facility closures, and that the proposed reduction in  
22 service standards be addressed.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of Georgia's congressional  
25 delegation and the United States Congress.